ANNUAL REPORT

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DIRECTORY

1984 - 1985

United Methodist Women
Louisiana Conference
The United Methodist Church

1985 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January - March	Call to Prayer and Self-Denial
January 27	UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S SUNDAY
February 1 - 2	Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Bunkie
February 22 - 24	Christian Disciplines Workshop, Baton Rouge
March 1	Church Women United World Day of Prayer
March 10 - 11	Church Conference Mission Event
March 15 - 16	Church Women United State Assembly, New Orleans
March 22 - 24	UMW Conference Retreat, Seashore Assembly, Biloxi
April 13	Meetings of Committees on Finance, Membership, Nominations & Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules
April 27	National Seminar Mini-Workshop
May 3	Church Women United May Fellowship Day
June 3 - 5	Louisiana Annual Conference, Centenary College, Shreveport
June 16 - 21	West Gulf Regional School, OCU, Oklahoma City
July 15	Executive Committee Meeting, Centenary College, Shreveport
July 16 - 19	School of Christian Mission I, Centenary College, Shreveport
July 19 - 21	School of Christian Mission II, Centenary College, Shreveport
September 19	Executive Committee Meeting, Lafayette
September 20 - 21	Conference Annual Meeting, Asbury UMC, Lafayette
October 19	District Elected Leader Training, Pineville UMC
November 1	Church Women United World Community Day
November	Meeting of Committee on Program
November	Meeting of Committee on School of Christian Mission '86
November 15 - 17	Training for 1/3 of Nominating Committee
December 7 - 8	New Conference Officer Training Event, New York City

1985 DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETINGS

DISTRICT	DATE	LOCATION
Alexandria	October 13	First UMC, Winnfield
Baton Rouge - Hammond	October 6	First UMC, Denham Springs
Baton Rouge - Lafayette	October 5	Trinity UMC, Baldwin
Lake Charles	October 5	University UMC, Lake Charles
Monroe	October 26	Delhi UMC, Delhi
New Orleans - Houma	October 13	Gretna UMC, Gretna
New Orleans - Slidell	October 5	Lake Vista UMC, New Orleans
Ruston	October 5	Farmerville UMC, Farmerville
Shreveport	October 13	First UMC, Shreveport

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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

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DEDICATION

United Methodist Women is an affirmation that women can and do serve as effective leaders, not only in the organization, but in the total church and society. We exist because of the vision, the courage, and determination of our mothers, grandmothers, and great grandmothers. For this reason we lovingly dedicate this directory in honor of our heritage to:

LUCILE BALDWIN SEXTON

Mrs. George Samuel Sexton, Jr. was the first president of the South Central Jurisdiction. She relinquished the presidency of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service to accept the post. Elected in 1940, Mrs. Sexton served as jurisdiction president for four years. She also served as a member of the Women's Division, Board of Missions of the Methodist Church. She was a resident of Shreveport.

MARGARET BOWEN

Mrs. J. W. E. Bowen, Jr. was elected the first president of the Central Jurisdiction in 1940. She, too, relinquished the presidency of the Louisiana Conference (Central Jurisdiction) Woman's Society of Christian Service to accept the post. A resident of New Orleans, she served as Jurisdiction President for two quadrennia. A profile of her service can be found in the book, TO A HIGHER GLORY.

PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The orgainzed unit of UNITED METHODIST WOMEN shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church. (Discipline Para. 262.5, Art.3)

PURPOSE OF WOMEN'S DIVISION

The Women's Division shall be actively engaged in fulfilling the mission of the Church and shall interpret the PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN. With continuing awareness of the concerns and responsibilities of the Church in today's world, the Women's Division shall be an advocate for the oppressed and dispossessed with special attention to the needs of women and children; shall work to build a supportive community among women; and shall engage in activities which foster growth in the Christian faith, mission education, and Christian social involvement throughout the organization. (Discipline Para. 1547)

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It is against the policy of the Women's Division to release lists of officers to any organization or commercial firm. These lists are published for the use of the district and conference of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women and are to be used for the promotion of the work of United Methodist Women.

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Metairie (9) ..... Mrs. Lynn Foil, 1708 Kent Avenue, Metairie 70001
Munholland (129) ..... Mrs. Jet Arthur, 3013 Ridgeway Drive, Metairie 70002
Ray Avenue (6) ..... Mrs. Joycelyn Yalls, 4532 America, NO 70126
St. Andrew (38) ..... Doris Coy (Mrs. Carl), 5044 E. Lemans, NO 70129
St. Luke (72) ..... Mrs. Sallie Uhl, 704 Jefferson Avenue, Metairie 70001
St. Phillip (25) ..... Mrs. Celina Lewis, 2220 Alabo, NO 71107
Thompson (20) ..... Mrs. Hilda George, 1624 Clouet, NO 70117
Pearl River (12) ..... Mrs. Suzanne Taylor, 114 Pine Street, Pearl River 70452
Pontchatoula (64) .... Mrs. Mary Dampier, 495 W. Beach St., Ponchatoula 70454
St. Bernard (18) ..... Mrs. Fannie Cunningham, P.O. Box 1113, Chalmette 70044
Slidell:
Aldersgate (30) ..... Onnie Sherrer, 152 Woodlawn Court, Pearl River 70452
First Church (119) ..... Mrs. Catherine Hogue, 3815 Cambridge, Slidell 70458
Hartzell-Mt. Zion (74) ..... Mrs. Phyllis Eden, Rt. 7 Box 7319, Slidell 70461
Varnado: Mary's (23) ..... Mrs. Chinieca Foster, P.O. Box 212, Varnado 70467

RUSTON DISTRICT (1126)

President ..... Mary Margaret Barr (Mrs. Fred)
200 Fairfield Drive, Ruston 71270 (318-255-2256)
Vice President ..... Miss Elouise Sanders
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Secretary ..... Jeanne Garrett (Mrs. Felix)
1106 W. Chrislo, Minden 71055 (318-377-9808)
Treasurer ..... Jane Humble (Mrs. W. J.)
P.O. Box 10 Calhoun, 71225 (318-644-2689)
Secretary for Financial Interpretation ..... Hessie Watson (Mrs. Horace)
724 S. Main, Homer 71040 (318-927-3112)
Mission Coordinators for:
Christian Personhood ..... Evelyn Merrill (Mrs. Merlin)
105 Winona, Ruston 71270 (318-255-5592)

Christian Global Concerns ..... Mary Waldrip (Mrs. Cecil)
P.O. Box 26, Quitman 71268 (318-259-7063)

Christian Social Involvement ..... Betty Heflin (Mrs. Olen)
P.O. Box 161 Springhill 71075 (318-539-5831)

Supportive Community ..... Hazel Meadows (Mrs.)
500 N. Bonner, Ruston 71270 (318-255-1468)

Secretary of Program Resources ..... Marie Willis (Mrs. Ricky)
117 Sugar Creek Drive, Minden 71055 (318-371-9048)

Chairperson, Committee on Membership ..... Mrs. Margaret Turner
Rt. 4 Box 132, Minden 71055 (318-377-2184)

Chairperson, Committee on Nominations ..... Chloe Jones (Mrs. J. Paul)
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LOCAL PRESIDENTS

Arcadia (39) ..... Mrs. Elouise Sanders, Rt. 1 Box 53, Arcadia 71001
Bernice (23) ..... Agnes Grafton (Mrs. George), P.O. Box 77, Bernice 71222
Brushwood (17) ..... Kay Simokle (Mrs. George), Rt. 1 Box 93, Dubberly 71024
Chatham (12) ..... Elaine Greer (Mrs. Bobby), P.O. Box 372, Chatham 71226
Cotton Valley (45) ..... Mrs. Mabel Brown, Rt. 1 Box 354, Cotton Valley 71018
Douglas (12) ..... Mrs. Cathy Hennen, Rt. 1 Box 1430, Ruston 71270
Downsville (30) ..... Mrs. Carolyn Guice, Rt. 1 Box 3, Downsville 71234
Doyline (20) ..... Mrs. Ocelia Bailey, Rt. 2 Box 238, Doyline 71023
Dubach ..... Mrs. Carl Pickett, P.O. Box 314, Dubach 71235
Farmerville (26) ..... Mrs. Pat Pace, 405 Thomas, Farmerville 71241
Gibsland/Oak Grove (14) ..... Mrs. Claudia Shaffer, Rt. 1 Box 8, Gibsland 71028
Harmony Chapel (12) .... Randy Deason (Mrs. William), Rt. 1 Box 76, Dubach 71235
Haynesville (68) ..... Marjorie Mohler (Mrs. M. C.), 714 Dawson Street, Haynesville 71038
Heflin (12) ..... Mrs. Madlyn B. Nelson, Rt. 1 Box 12, Heflin 71039
Hodge (22) ..... Tressie Hathaway, 107 Rebecca, Jonesboro 71251
Homer (114) ..... Mrs. Joe Black, 103 Walnut, Homer 71040
Jonesboro (34) ..... Mrs. Nita Garrett, 1300 Cox Street, Jonesboro 71251
Marion (11) ..... Mrs. Ann Miller, Rt. 2 Box 4, Marion 71260
Minden:
First (136) ..... Mrs. Margaret Turner, Rt. 4 Box 132, Minden 71055
Lakeview (40) ..... Carolyn Barnette (Mrs. Jim), Rt. 3 Box 36, Minden 71055
Quitman (17) ..... Cheryl Lamkin, Rt. 4 Box 227, Ruston 71270
Ruston:
Faith (10) ..... Blanche Futrell, 236 Fairfield Drive, Ruston 71270
Grace (74) ..... Margie Kees (Mrs. C. E.), P.O. Box 311, Ruston 71270
Trinity (216) ..... Anita Bell (Mrs. Ronald) , 207 Lesna Lane, Ruston 71270
Salem (14) ..... Barbara Moon, Rt. 2 Box 3, Arcadia 71001
Shongaloo (13) ..... Idell Simms (Mrs. L.A.), Rt. 1 Box 174, Shongaloo 71072
Simsboro (16) ..... Evelyn Waldron (Mrs. Bill), Rt. 1 Box 5, Simsboro 71275
Springhill (79) ..... Mrs. Thomas F. Welsh, P.O. Box 88, Cullen 71021

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President ..... Linda Shepherd (Mrs. T. C.)
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Vice President ..... Ola McNaughton, (Mrs. Gene)
9513 Wesso Circle, Shreveport 71118 (318-686-3612)
Secretary ..... Dorothy Fortuna (Mrs. Walter)
700 Taylors Bend, Haughton 71037 (318-949-4709)
Treasurer ..... Lynda Land (Mrs. W. C.)
3238 Timberlane, Shreveport 71107 (318-227-0495)
Secretary for Financial Interpretation ..... Sara Fouts (Mrs. J. R.)
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Mission Coordinators for:
Christian Personhood ..... Frances Pearce (Mrs. George)
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Christian Global Concerns ..... Mabel McDaniel (Mrs.)
Rt. 3 Box 249, Keithville 71047 (318-925-9989)
Christian Social Involvement ..... Beth Foster (Mrs. Mark S.)
6916 Oakhill Circle, Shreveport 71106 (318-865-2701)
Supportive Community ..... Barbara Reger (Mrs. Paul)
136 Taylors Bend, Haughton 71037 (318-949-2864)
Secretary of Program Resources ..... Beverly Hawlk (Mrs. David)
1307 S. Jonquil, Bossier City 71112 (318-747-3046)
Chairperson, Committee on Membership ..... Clarice Tyson (Mrs. David)
1915 Weinstock, Shreveport 71103 (318-221-2784)
Chairperson, Committee on Nominations ..... Louise McDonald (Mrs. X. L.)
600 Patton, Bossier City 71112 (318-742-1169)
Sub-District Leaders:
I .....
II ..... Violet Mellinger (Mrs. Elvin), 111 Lawrence Drive, Haughton 71037
III ..... Carolyn M. Price, 714 Debra, Mansfield 71052
IV ..... Cheryl Gillespie (Mrs. James), 1910 Bermuda, Shreveport 71105

LOCAL PRESIDENTS

Bayou Scie (17) ..... Mrs. Inetta Campbell, Rt. 1 Box 119D, Zwolle 71486
Belcher (9) ..... Miss Norma Pitts, P.O. Box 152, Belcher 71004
Benton (50) ..... Mrs. Nellie Wyche, Rt. 1 Box 79A, Benton 71006
Blanchard (22) ..... Mrs. Mary Plants, Rt. 1 Box 281, Mooringsport 71060
Bossier City:
Barksdale (26) ..... Mrs. Frances Rainbolt, Rt. 1 Box 648, Elm Grove 71051
First Church (119) ..... Mrs. Cheryl Wozny, 304 Whispering Pines, Haughton 71037
St. Stephens (40) ..... Mrs. Judy Carson, 8620 Woodfox, Haughton 71037
Coushatta (30) ..... Mrs. Emily Stothart, P.O. Box 344, Coushatta 71019
Keithville (16) ..... Mrs. Kim Smith, 3012 Valley View, Shreveport 71108

Greenwood (23) ..... Mrs. Edna Thompson, 8182 Shirley Francis Road, Shreveport 71129
Haughton (19) ..... Mrs. Aline P. Smith, P.O. Box 26, Haughton 71037
Ida (14) ..... Mrs. Edyce Dean, Rt. 1 , Ida 71044
Logansport:
First Church (49) ..... Mrs. Charlotte McDonald, Rt. 3 Box 708, Mansfield 71052
Mt. Zion (32) ..... Mrs. Willie B. Robinson, P.O. Box 882, Logansport 71049
Love Chapel (30) ..... Mrs. Betty Turner, 137 Chimney Lane, Haughton 71037

Mansfield:
First Church (60) ..... Mrs. Sally W. Turner, 606 Marshall Avenue, Mansfield 71052
Shady Grove (25) ..... Mrs. Alice Shelton, P.O. Box 972, Mansfield 71052
Wesley (46) ..... Mrs. Ethel Lilly, P.O. Box 309, Mansfield 71052
Many (38) ..... Mrs. Doris Creed, P.O. Box 295, Many 71449
Mooringsport (9) ..... Mrs. Mary Ellen Gardner, P.O. Box 445, Mooringsport 71060
New Light ..... Mrs. Elizabeth Carper, Rt. 2 Box 207B, Benton 71006
Pilgrim Rest (13) ..... Mrs. Jacie Scott, Rt. 1 Box 272, Minden 71055
Plain Dealing (29) ..... Mrs. Delores Ford, P.O. Box 16, Plain Dealing 71064
Shreveport:
Broadmoor (204) ..... Mrs. Rosemary Baldridge, 8335 E. Wilderness Way, Shreveport 71106
Caddo Heights (27) ..... Mrs. Maxine Coody, 9968 Smugglers Cove, Shreveport 71115
Cedar Grove (35) ..... Mrs. Alberta Springer, 6412 Willard, Shreveport 71106
Christ (100) .... Mrs. Merry Nell Miller, 2136 Francis Drive, Shreveport 71118
Fairfield (26) .... Mrs. Bessie Washington, 1728 Severine Street, Shreveport 71108
Fairview (10) ..... Mrs. Vera Jewitt, 290 Overton Broooks Road, Shreveport 71106
First Church (300) ..... Mrs. Frances Pipes, 4512 Orchid, Shreveport 71105
Johnson's Chapel (10) ..... Mrs. Jessie Mae Iverson, 1623 Acorn Street, Shreveport 71101
Lakeview (51) ..... Mrs. Velma Brobst, 3833 Milton Street, Shreveport 71109
Mangum (81) ..... Mrs. Clarice Parks, 6415 S. Lakeshore Drive, Shreveport 71119
Morningside (35) ..... Mrs. Margaret Baker, 2611 Randolph, Shreveport 71108
Mt. Zion (10) .... Mrs. Rosie L. Washington, 2940 Judson Street, Shreveport 71109
Noel (238) ..... Mrs. Paralee Vowels, 3841 Greenway Place Shreveport 71105
North Highlands (95) .... Mrs. Eileen Macken, 1164 Arncliff, Shreveport 71107
Round Grove (12) ..... Mrs. Inell Myers, 1417 David Raines Rd., Shreveport 71107
St. James (58) .... Mrs. Ethel Alford, 4974 Dandridge Place, Shreveport 71109
St. Luke (25) ..... Mrs. Dorothy Nichols, 4612 Tibbs, Shreveport 71105
St. Paul (77) .... Mrs. Clarice Tyson, 1915 Weinstock Street, Shreveport 71103
Summer Grove (90) ..... Mrs. Glenn Ragan, 9518 Chaparral, Shreveport 71118
Trinity (16) ..... Mrs. DeNell Mitchell, 3237 Pinehaven, Haughton 71037
Wynn (35) ..... Mrs. Mary Baucum, 3206 Fulton, Shreveport 71109
Zwolle (20) ..... Mrs. Cathlene Jette, Rt. 3 Box 187, Many 71449

ADMINISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT BUDGET REPORT
1984

	Budget	Actual	Under (Over)
Travel	$ 7,000.00	$ 6,533.56	$ 466.44
Officer Resources	100.00	20.00	80.00
Districts A & MD	11,105.00	8,517.61	2,587.39
Jurisdiction A & MD	1,343.75	1.343.75	-
Regional School of Christian Mission	3,000.00	3,421.13	(421.13)
Conference School of Christian Mission	5,000.00	7,679.30	(2,679.30)
Annual Meeting	1,500.00	308.77	1,191.23
District Elected Leadership Training	1,200.00	1,576.18	(376.18)
Church Related Meetings	150.00	24.44	125.56
Retreat	100.00	32.10	67.90
Assembly, 1986 - Cumulative	1,400.00	1,400.00	-
Jurisdiction Meeting, 1984	600.00	951.83	(351.83)
Church Women United Ecumen. Assem., 1984	250.00	340.60	(90.60)
National seminar, 1987 - Cumulative	250.00	250.00	
Other Special Meetings	300.00	-	300.00
Conference Directory	1,750.00	1,301.75	448.25
Newsletter	3,000.00	2,896.76	103.24
Postage	900.00	673.64	226.36
Office Supplies and Mimeo	750.00	404.96	345.04
Telephone	750.00	375.11	374.89
Audit (1983)	500.00	1,000.00	(500.00)
Honors and Memorials	300.00	160.00	140.00
Church Women United	250.00	250.00	-
Unanticipated Opportunities (Political Skills Workshop)	300.00	(165.36)	465.36
Mini Seminar	-	(97.30)	97.30
Totals	$41,798.75	$39,198.83	$ 2,599.92

BALANCE SHEET - 12/31/84

Washington Bank - Snap Checking Account	$32,118.08	
Washington Bank - Ready Cash Account	6,674.79	
Audio Visual Fund		$ 455.92
Estelle Dameron Scholarship Fund		1,443.01
Church Women United Ecumenical Assembly		847.90
National Seminar		425.00
Retreat		67.90
Assembly - 1986		2,800.00
Special Conference A & MC Funds		7,766.25
Excess Available for Future Programming		24,986.89
	$38,792.87	$38,792.87

DISTRICT RECEIPTS
1984

	ALEX	BR-H	BR-L	LC	MONROE	NO-H	NO-S	RUSTON	S'PORT	CONF	TOTALS
	$19,635.00	$24,000.00	$23,000.00	$32,000.00	$21,000.00	$22,050.00	$24,200.00	$23,000.00	$35,200.00	$215,000.00	
Pledge to Missions	17,212.83	22,888.36	26,867.09	29,416.96	21,140.85	19,886.00	23,130.88	22,568.24	38,958.36		222,069.57
SMRP's & Gifts	997.50	2,690.00	1,275.00	2,795.00	1,027.15	1,235.00	2,425.00	1,615.00	2,270.00	1,460.00 (2)	17,789.65
In Rem. & Memorials	65.00	105.00	75.00	196.00	71.76	170.00	110.00	410.00	211.00		1,413.76
World Thanks	728.53	1,128.40	1,073.38	2,492.69	707.30	1,839.72	1,603.78	1,041.54	1,251.09		11,866.43
Retiring Con. Officers	222.00	292.50	247.00	360.75	110.00	90.50	232.50	270.00	277.50	(1075.00)	1,027.75
Mission Candle	977.88	1,136.96	856.64	1,202.96	1,032.24	813.12	871.80	1,098.68	2,297.79	61.25 (3)	10,349.32
Giving on Behalf	25.00	100.00	25.00					73.00			223.00
TOTAL ON PLEDGE	20,228.74	28,341.22	30,419.11	36,464.36	24,089.30	24,034.34	28,373.96	27,076.46	45,265.74	446.25	264,739.48 (1)
Call to Prayer	1,212.39	1,383.79	1,646.09	1,792.93	1,532.28	1,280.05	1,610.75	1,648.62	2,116.99		14,223.89
Special Emphasis	545.00	1,550.00	104.65	209.54	520.00	850.00	30.00	98.50	184.00	1,114.32 (4)	5,206.01
World Missions		625.14	125.00	991.71	52.50	220.00	110.00	145.00	2,856.80	1,655.41 (5)	6,781.56
National Mission	290.00	1,205.91	40.00	2,244.99	788.75	1,581.00	1,196.48	1,650.75	1,083.00	1,066.77 (6)	11,147.65
UMCOR		429.90	297.00	1,405.75	320.00	181.32	321.55	955.11	378.00		4,288.63
Magazine Fund -		10.00							2.00		12.00
Centennial Cel. Fund	171.00	395.96	1,006.50	704.00	6.00	447.00	789.14	680.00	1,167.00		5,366.60
Crusade Scholarships		10.00							55.00		
Directory	20.00		62.00	66.00	52.00	78.00	62.00	34.00	59.25	14.00	447.25
Dameron Scholarships	120.00	197.81	25.00	167.50		75.00	125.00	174.00		75.00 (7)	959.31
LMCF	82.00	75.00	25.00	200.10	93.75	30.00	53.00	70.25	130.00		759.10
Transient	370.00	1,438.91	130.75	455.00	445.00	719.00	571.97	158.75	680.00		4,969.38
Conference A & MD	639.75	604.00	1,069.50	1,146.80	408.85	833.00	1,088.00	701.00	1,225.35	50.00 (8)	7,766.25
TOTAL DESIGNATED	3,450.14	7,926.42	4,531.49	9,384.32	4,219.13	6,294.37	5,957.85	6,315.98	9,937.39	3,975.50	61,992.63
TOTAL GIVING	23,678.88	36,267.64	34,950.60	45,848.68	28,308.43	30,328.71	34,331.85	33,392.44	55,203.13	4,421.75	326,732.11
1985 DISTRICT PLEDGES	20,616.75	27,000.00	24,000.00	32,000.00	22,000.00	22,000.00	25,410.00	23,500.00	36,960.00		

(1) Total paid on Pledge - $215,489.48; withheld $32,250.00 for A & MD 15% of Pledge of $215,000.00; retained $17,000.00 for Future Programming

(2) SMRP'S for Nancy Carruth, Duke and Evans; Gift for Darlene Base; SMRP's for Retiring Conference Officers; SMRP's ordered direct

(3) Interest on Mission Candle Funds (4) SCM Offering (5) Annual Meeting Offering (6) SCM - $250 to MacDonnell; $816.77 to Peoples

(7) $25 gifts from Dixon, Irvin, & Palazzo (8) Gift from University, Lake Charles in honor of Nell Read

EXPENSE GUIDELINES

Louisiana Conference Executive Committee
United Methodist Women
(Amended 9/83)

United Methodist Women recognize the need to be an inclusive group and to have elected leaders who represent a diversity of age, race, economic background, and status of employment. To make this possible, a Budget for Conference Administration and Membership Development is approved annually to provide expenses for those chosen to serve in leadership positions. The following guidelines for reimbursement (along with the Conference Budget) seek to expand the concept of what it means to be in mission.

Expense vouchers are available from the Conference Treasurer and should be filled out in full when applying for reimbursement and submitted to the Conference President, Secretary, or Treasurer. Expenses for specific meetings should be turned in at the close of that meeting, if possible, or not later than the next week.

Leaders are advised to submit all legitimate expenses for doing their job well. If someone cares to donate supplies or services which normally would be covered under these guidelines, she is asked to submit those charges and then endorse the check (or refund part of it) directly to the Conference Treasurer.

Conference officers are asked to pay their own registration fees to Conference events without reimbursement. She is often expected to pay her own room, meal, and travel expenses and then turn that amount in for reimbursement. If this arrangement causes personal hardship, a cash advance to cover expected costs may be requested from the Conference Treasurer.

Every call letter or written announcement of upcoming events requiring 'official participation' of conference leaders shall mention further specific plans for financial arrangements not delineated herein (such as whether the individual leaders will pay or sign for meals and lodging.)

The following limitations should be noted:

A. TRAVEL EXPENSES

1. Mileage shall be reimbursed at a rate of 13 cents a mile. Whenever possible, members from the same district or area should form a carpool - to be coordinated by district presidents.
2. Lodging may be reimbursed at a rate up to $10 per person per day.
3. When meeting facilities are provided, meals may be reimbursed at a rate not to exceed $15 per person per day divided between meals; breakfast, $2.50; lunch, $5.50; and dinner, $7.00.

B. OFFICER RESOURCES

Materials which are necessary for information and execution of your job (such as Service Center publications) may be purchased and become the property of the Conference organization. Most of this material should be maintained in the files you keep and pass on to successors. Utmost care should be taken that we do not needlessly duplicate materials which cover overlapping concerns of other leaders.

C. OPERATING EXPENSES

Postage, office supplies, mimeographing charges, long-distance telephone charges, and other miscellaneous charges are allowable. The use of professional secretarial services and large numbers of Xerox-type copies are discouraged.

ADOPTED BUDGET - 1985
Louisiana Conference - United Methodist Women

PLEDGE TO MISSION		$225,750.00
ADMINISTRATIVE & MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:		
A.	Travel Expenses: Mileage, room board, insurance for Executive Committee events within our Conference	$7000.00
B.	Officer Resources: Service Center, etc.	100.00
C.	District Administrative & Membership Development	12,135.00
D.	Jurisdiction A & MD: (5/8 of 1% of pledge)	1,410.93
E.	Schools of Christian Mission:	
	1. Regional	3,000.00
	2. Conference	7,500.00
F.	Programs & Events Within Our Conference:	
	1. Annual Meeting	1,500.00
	2. District Elected Leadership Training	1,200.00
	3. Church Related Meetings (CWU State Assembly, etc.)	150.00
	4. Christian Disciplines Workshop	2,500.00
	5. Mini National Seminar	500.00
	6. Retreat, 1985 ($100 accumulated)	-0-
G.	Attendance at Regional & National Events:	
	1. Assembly, 1986 (cumulative 4 years)	1,400.00
	2. Jurisdiction Meeting, 1988 (cumulative 4 years)	600.00
	3. Church Women United Ecumenical Assembly, 1988 cumulative 4 years)	250.00
	4. National Seminar, 1987 (cumulative 4 years)	250.00
	5. Other Special Meetings	300.00
H.	Operating Expenses:	
	1. Conference Directory	1,750.00
	2. Newsletter	3,600.00
	3. Postage	900.00
	4. Office Supplies & Mimeographing	750.00
	5. Telephone	750.00
	6. Audit	1,000.00
	7. Honors and Memorials	300.00
I.	Church Women United	250.00
J.	Unanticipated Opportunities	300.00
	Total A & MD Budget for 1985	$ 49,395.93
TOTAL CONFERENCE BUDGET		$275,145.93
Amount to be withheld to equal 18% of Pledge		$ 40,635.00
Amount to be used from anticipated income for A & MD gifts & excess		8,760.93
		$ 49,395.93

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
February 10, 1984

The Executive Committee, Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women, met February 10, 1984 at David Haas Memorial United Methodist Church, Bunkie, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by President Nell Read.

Lottie Palazzo led the opening moments of worship using Matthew 7:7-8 and talking about personal prayer life. She summed it up by saying there is no limit - nor end to God's love. Mrs. Palazzo then led the group in a get-acquainted activity whereby members were to find someone who was born near them and talk about how Sunday afternoons are spent. Following that they were to select a person wearing the same color clothing and talk about how weekdays are spent.

New members of the Executive Committee, Alice Story, Emily Wiley, Jean Bezette, Helen Johnson, Erelene Bradford, Dorothy Abraham, and Judy Sandlin were recognized by Mrs. Read.

APPOINTMENTS - Judy McFarland and Mary Margaret Barr were appointed to examine the minutes. Anne Hearn and Fran Hall were asked to be observers. They are to note things they consider commendable and concerns that might be presented.

CORRESPONDENCE - A thank-you note was received from Church Women United for the $250 for their budget. Notes of appreciation for memorial gifts to mission were sent by the families of Bishop J. Kenneth Shamblin, Sadie Williams (treasurer-elect of the Monroe District), and Katherine Thomas (a former Conference officer). Virginia Laskey, Ruth Daugherty and Helen and Walter Brock wrote notes expressing appreciation for the Annual Meeting and the part they had in the program/programming.

AGENDA - The agenda was approved with the addition of a report by the Committee on Legislative Concerns.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Wanda Nelson, Treasurer, reported a total giving for 1983 of $299,699.07. Of that amount $246,550.12 was undesignated. All nine districts overpaid their pledge to missions resulting in an overpayment of $7,000.00 on the Conference pledge remitted to Women's Division. The balance in the Snap Checking Account as of February 7, 1984 was $2,644.30 and in the Ready Cash Account was $6208.58. District Treasurers have received one-half of the district's Administration and Membership Development budget amounts. She further reported that the 1983 audit had been completed at a cost of $1000. Financial statements are on file with the President, Vice President, and Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Nell Read gave a comparison of units and membership as reported for the years 1981, 1982, and 1983. Four districts had 100 percent evaluations, Alexandria, Baton Rouge-Lafayette, Ruston, and Shreveport. Ruston District and New Orleans-Slidell District reported new units. Programs and events of 1983 were reviewed. Mrs. Read presented what she considered to be the Conference concerns:

1) Inclusive Leadership - young and ethnic.
2) Membership Development - making membership meaningful through financial interpretation and understanding Biblical reason for being involved.

3) Expanded Awareness of Mission and Membership
4) Active Participation Beyond Local Level
5) Better Understanding of Mission Team Concept

VICE PRESIDENT - Norma Winegeart reported the meetings she, as vice president, had attended since September. She urged that we continue to impress upon the district and local units the necessity for officer lists that are so necessary for our line of communication.

COORDINATORS REPORTS - Ola Fisher, Mission Coordinator for Christian Personhood, reported participation at District Elected Leader Training and the goals of district coordinators. Four districts have set the date for their Day Apart/Retreat. As she begins serving the last year of her tenure in office she said, "There has never been a responsibility that brought more satisfaction and joy than having the opportunity to serve with the women of the Louisiana Conference."

Mission Coordinator for Christian Social Involvement, Taylor Phillips, also reported participation at DELT. Goals are: 1) Increased subscriptions to IMPACT. 2) Promote World Peace with Justice Week, May 15-24, 1984. 3) Awarness of and action on issues affecting women and children. Human rights for all. 4) Promote and support political skills workshop. (Each district CSI coordinator is asked to recruit five persons for the workshop.) 5) Anticipate a mini-workshop on National Seminar for 1985.

Lottie Palazzo, Mission Coordinator for Supportive Community, reported that Supportive Commnity is as much a state of mind as an activity. Meanings have developed through the years to help each identify with our responsibilities she said. She further stated that if each Mission Team is helped a bit to work as a team by the Suportive Community Coordinator, they are doing a large part of their job. Participation in DELT was noted, as was helping Don Cottrell locate college students in the Conference. Birthday calendars were distributed.

Christian Global Concerns Coordinator, Anne Hearn, expressed appreciation to Wilma Crosby for leading her session at DELT. Anne's mother had died that morning. New Excellance of Study certificates have been printed and a packet of information is being mailed to each district coordinator. She announced a Louisiana Seminar on Central America to be held March 31 in Baton Rouge. "God's people are under his judgement to create a world of peace, joy, and love. Jesus died for all people. This is the ultimate message of Christian mission," she said.

MEMBERSHIP - Fran Hall, Chairperson of Committee on Membership, reported that, so far, 86 units have indicated participation in UMW Sunday. She shared some of the events that took place within the local units when they celebrated the day. She expressed concern about knowing continuously through the year the trend in membership and how to reach the goal of a ten percent increase in membership.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS - Dorothy Abraham, Chairperson of the Committee, reported that the committee had met for the first time that morning and got an overview of the task before them. She further reported that seven of the nine district committees were present at DELT for training. She, Patty Lindsey, and Margaret Burris attended the training session for Committee on Nomination held in Chicago in November. Dorothy reported it to be a unique experience as she had never been to Chicago. She was impressed with the representation there, a cross section of every state. Margaret Burris

also was impressed with the representation. She considered it an experience to sit across the table with women from Puerto Rico and Indiana. She reported that no time nor expense was wasted in training for this awesome task.

Nell Read again expressed the thought that Mission and Membership Development is important and officer training is worth funding. The officers are worth the money, she said, and we need to teach ourselves to accept the fact that leadership skills are invaluable, not only to United Methodist women, but to the whole church.

DISTRICT REPORTS

ALEXANDRIA - President Georgie Dunbar reported that local participation in the overall program of United Methodist Women resulted in spiritual growth, a greater sense of mission, an outreach to those in need whatever the need might be, and a deepening awareness of the blessings which result from being busy in God's work.

BATON ROUGE-HAMMOND - One of the goals for the district for 1984 is to add new members, but the first priority is to light a fire under some old ones, reported President Alice Story. Another goal is the promotion of Reading Program. Highlights of the district Annual Meeting and Local Elected Leader Training were given and plans for 1984 meetings were announced.

BATON ROUGE-LAFAYETTE - President Janelle McCammon reported a splendid year for the Baton Rouge-Lafayette District United Methodist Women. Highlight of their year was the Conference Annual Meeting held at First United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge. They plan in 1984 to make a concerted effort to strengthen weaker units and assist those few that have been inactive.

LAKE CHARLES - Betty Carlin, District President, listed those activities in which women of the district participated. She was questioned particularly about the Brown Bag project whereby useable, not saleable food is collected and bagged. A new unit, Fairview was organized.

MONROE - District President, Mary Pollard, gave an oral report of the district's activities. Among the thirteen goals of the district is one to have each local unit represented at the School of Christian Mission, Conference Annual Meeting, and all District Events.

NEW ORLEANS-HOUMA - Coming attractions and past events were reported by District President Helen Bailey-Johnson. Three Local Elected Leaders Training sessions held in different areas of the district were well attended. The Shepherdess program has proved helpful in that one unit has reorganized, a second is in the process, and four new units are making plans to organize.

NEW ORLEANS-SLIDELL - The District was pleased to have won the School of Christian Mission attendance banner, reported Pat Cobb, District President, and they will strive to keep it. A new unit, Ray Avenue, was organized. Other goals listed for 1984 included (1) encouraging local units to become actively involved in specific mission endeavors, (2) presenting the booklet "Opening Doors to Racial/Ethnic Understanding" to local units, (3) local unit revitalization, (4) programs on "Peace with Justice," (5) organizing at least one new unit, and (6) personal development for all members.

RUSTON - Goals for the Ruston District were given by President Mary Margaret Barr. Hosting the Conference Annual Meeting, September 14-15, will be the "big event" for 1984. District programs planned for the year include a meeting in March to present the

Conference booklet, "Opening Doors to Racial/Ethnic Understanding", a retreat at Caney Lake and a mini-school of mission in August.

SHREVEPORT - Linda Shepherd, District President, reported that four sub-district meetings are being held this spring. Programming at each will focus on implementing the Racial Charter and on World Development. Among the goals for the year is one to initiate contact with every United Methodist minister in the district.

The meeting adjourned at 6 p.m. for a covered-dish supper provided by those present. The Committee reconvened at 7:15 p.m.

COMMITTEES

PROGRAM - The Committee on Program met November 11, 1983 and set the following goals:

I. EMPHASIZE THE BIBLICAL BASIS AND MANDATE FOR MISSION, AND PROVIDE INFORMATION AND INSPIRATION FOR LOCAL UNITS TO BECOME ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN SPECIFIC MISSION ENDEAVORS BY DECEMBER 1984 BY:
   - A. encouraging each local unit to promote an increasing commitment and concern for peace with justice for all persons.
   - B. having a mission bulleton board in each local church for information and update.
   - C. promoting "The Excellence of Studies Program" for disciplined Bible study and mission education.
   - D. encouraging each local unit to send at least one person to the Conference School of Christian Mission.

II. IMPLEMENT THE CHARTER OF RACIAL JUSTICE POLICIES BY:
   - A. emphasizing the use of Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women's booklet, "Opening Doors to Racial/Ethnic Understanding" in local units.
   - B. encouraging local units to work for implementation through the Administrative Board and Council on Ministries in the local church.
   - C. increasing efforts to recruit ethnic minority leadership.

III. CELEBRATE OUR CENTENNIAL ERA WITH SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP EMPHASIS BY:
   - A. encouraging each local unit to increase membership 10% during 1984, using "Called to Grow" materials.
   - B. observing United Methodist Women's Sunday the fourth Sunday in January.
   - C. organizing at least one new unit in each district by December 1984.
   - D. reactivating former units.

IV. EMPHASIZE THE NEED FOR GOOD STEWARDSHIP BY:
   - A. interpreting giving in the light of our PURPOSE.
   - B. stressing growth in undesignated giving by:
     1) 5% to 10% increse in pledge to missions
     2) special mission recongitions
     3) gifts to mission
     4) thank bank offerings
     5) persons in missions

C. continuing the follow-up of the Financial Promotion Workshops in each district.
D. promoting the Centennial Celebration Fund.
E. giving $1.00 per member to the Administration and Membership Development (A&MD) Fund.

V. PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADDITIONAL LEARNING/GROWING EXPERIENCES:
A. National Seminar follow-up in conference and districts.
B. Conference Leadership Workshop, January 27-28-29, 1984.
C. Political Skills Workshop, November 3, 1984.
D. Conference Christian Disciplines Workshop, February 22-23-24, 1985.
E. Conference United Methodist Women's Retreat, 1985.

VI. ENCOURAGE ONGOING EMPHASES BY:
A. continuing to follow-up on World Development Workshop in each district.
B. promoting Estelle Dameron Scholarships, giving at least 20 scholarships for 1984 School of Christian Mission.
C. continuing supportive contacts with missionaries and deaconesses related to the Louisiana Conference.
D. continuing to promote the Reading Program with special emphasis on ethnic minority material.
E. increasing subscriptions to Response and New World Outlook magazines.

The goals were adopted by the Executive Committee.

Other items approved by the Executive Committee were:

DEAN OF 1985 SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION - Lottie Palazzo

COMMITTEE ON 1985 DISTRICT ELECTED LEADERS TRAINING - Taylor Phillips, Seola Callahan, Norma Winegeart

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF CHARTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE POLICIES - Sandra Holley, Maude Harris, Mabel Moody

LEGISLATIVE CONCERNS COMMITTEE - Sara Fugler, Chairperson; Marielouise Alexander, Co-chairperson; Nell Read, Taylor Phillips, Lottie Palazzo, Amy Ward, Mamie Pero, Vergie Forbes, Carolyn Brannon, Dorothy Mae Taylor

POLITICAL SKILLS WORKSHOP SUPPORT TEAM - Sara Fugler, Co-chairperson; Marielouise Alexander, Co-chairperson; Taylor Phillips, Nell Read

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLINES WORKSHOP, February 22-24, 1985 - Ola Fisher, Chairperson Attendance pattern: Conference Executive Committee and selected District UMW officers, especially Christian Personhood and Supportive Community Coordinators

1985 RETREAT - Jackie Morgan, Chairperson; Pat Cobb, Co-chairperson

DATES TO BE ADDED TO CONFERENCE CALENDAR:

November 3, 1984 - Political Skills Workshop

November 16-17, 1984 - Meeting of Committee on Program/School of Christian Mission Committees

August, 1984 - United Methodist Seminar on National and International Affairs from the Louisiana Annual Conference

March 31, 1984 - Central America Seminar, First UMC, Baton Rouge

"SAY YES" SELF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM - It was decided to turn the materials for this over to the Retreat Committee for consideration.

EXCELLENCE OF STUDIES - Anne Hearn distributed the new study forms. Changes made in order to qualify for recognition for excellence of studies include: (1) The awards are to be acknowledged at the School of Christian Mission and presented at District Annual Meeting. (2) The phrase requiring that all members of a unit be present for the study was omitted. (3) A phrase stressing action from the study was added. (4) Application dates were changed so that reporting to the District Coordinator of Christian Global Concerns is to be by May 15 and District Coordinators report to the Conference Coordinator by June 10. The changes were approved.

CENTRAL AMERICA SEMINAR - The Louisiana Conference United Methodist Church is sponsoring a seminar on Central America at First Church, Baton Rouge, on March 31, 1984. Lou Alexander and Clytie Perry were approved as UMW representatives to the seminar, with Betty Blackman being an alternate. The Executive Committee agreed to underwrite the registration for the representatives.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP - Janelle McCammon, chairperson for the workshop reported an attendance of 14 conference officers and committee chairpersons, 9 district presidents, 5 district treasurers, and 4 members of the nominating committee. Leaders for the event were Mrs. Andris Salter of Evanston, Illinois Coordinator for Women's Division; Mrs. Wilma Meier of Newton, Kansas and Mrs. Lillian Sloan of Monroeville, Pennsylvania, Women's Division directors.

FINANCE - The Committee on Finance, reported Chairperson Wanda Nelson, recommended that the Conference renew its accident/hospitalization insurance policy with Mutual Security at the rate of 29 cents per day per person for conference Events. The recommendation was approved by the Executive Committee.

ANNUAL REPORT/DIRECTORY - Evelyn Evans reported that the directory had not been printed yet. Some districts have had trouble securing officer lists from local units. She asked that the districts send this information within the week if at all possible.

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION - Johnnye Butler, Dean of the 1984 School of Christian Mission, reported that the studies and faculty include: SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES - VISIONS OF PEACE, Dr. Ernestine Dixon, Mrs. Merrilyn Irvin, Mrs. Mary Grace Lyman, and Mrs. Margaret St. Amant; EPHESIANS, Reverend George Calvin; and KOREA, Miss Anne E. Metz, Reverend James Spitzkeit, and Reverend Robert Young.

Theme for the School will be "Visions of Peace, Actions of Faith" and the dates are July 24-27 and July 27-29. The committee recommended that the registration fee be $10 for one school session or $12 for both sessions. The recommendation was approved. Approval was also given for the offering to go to "Food, Land, and Justice".

COMMITTEE ON IMPLEMENATION OF CHARTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE POLICIES - Chairperson, Erlene Bradford, reported on projected activities for the committee. She also requested 100 additional copies of the booklet, "Opening Doors to Racial/Ethnic Understanding," by March 10. Secretary Evelyn Evans will print them, figure costs per book for future printings, and report costs to Taylor Phillips and Nell Read.

COSROW - In the absence of Betty Rowell, Chairperson, Taylor Phillips read the report

of the Commission on the Status and Role of Women. Mrs. Rowell reported that the Commission has developed a local job description and a training packet for local COSROW persons in the local church. The job description was sent to the local churches in January and the training packet is available from her.

Nancy Carruth reminded members that she and Nell Read are on the Church Conference Committee on Nominations and that we will be entering a new quadrennium and appointments will be made to boards and commissions. Persons interested in serving on any of these boards and commissions should send their name to Nell or Nancy by May 1. A person can only serve on one board at a time, but can serve for two quadrenniums.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE - Lou Alexander reported for Sara Fugler that the Committee on Legislative Concerns had not met, but that Sara had contacted Representative Richard Baker, who is also Conference Lay Leader, about his office handling the "legilative hotline". He is agreeable. Sara also attended the Louisiana Women's Political Caucus in Lafayette in February.

PROGRAM RESOURCES - Secretary of Program Resources Lueburda Myers reported the activities she engaged in as a part of her duties since September. They included attending New Officer Training Event in New York City, contacting district counterparts, and ordering materials for DELT and the Conference Secretary.

TV SPECIAL - Nell Read announced that on March 18, 1984, NBC will air a special on women of Methodism entitled "A Lost History." Lou Alexander will ask Elwood Fleming to tape it for the Conference A-V Library.

ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM - Chairperson of the Committee on Annual Meeting Program, Wilma Crosby, reported that the theme chosen for this years Annual Meeting will be "Our Share in the Heritage." Dr. Vela Cleveland will be the guest speaker. The Executive Committee approved raising the registration fee to $5.00. Also approved by the Executive Committee was placing a person other than the Conference Treasurer in charge of receiving mission candle monies and recording the contributors and honorees. This will relieve the treasurer at a time when she is busy trying to compile the quarterly report.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15 p.m. following the singing of "Stir Into Flame," a song introduced at Leadership Development Workshop, and prayer by Ola Fisher. The Committee reconvened at 8 a.m. Saturday morning. The song "Stir Into Flame" was sung again and Nell Read read the Upper Room DISCIPLINES selection for the day and shared the Prayer Calendar listings.

WORLD FEDERATION OF METHODIST WOMEN - Norma Winegeart reported that the Louisiana Seminar of World Federation of Methodist Women will meet March 31 at Newman United Methodist Church, Alexandria. Theme for the meeting is "New Dimensions in Christian Living." United Methodist Women from Louisiana who are on the program include Inez Chrisentery, Margaret St. Amant, and Anne Hearn. Registrations must be sent to Johnnye Butler by March 17. All were urged to attend this meeting as it is only held every five years.

DISTRICT ELECTED LEADERS TRAINING - Norma Winegeart announced that DELT will be held October 20, 1984 at Horseshoe Drive United Methodist Church, Alexandria. The task group will meet March 6 for planning.

SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION - Nell Read reminded those present of the meeting to be held April 13-15 in Wichita, Kansas. Representing Louisiana Conference will be Nell Read, Wanda Nelson, Taylor Phillips, Fran Hall, and Emily Wiley. Lottie Palazzo will attend as alternate. Nominees for Women's Division Janell McCammon, Anne Hearn, and Elizabeth Thomas will also attend.

POLITICAL SKILLS WORKSHOP - Lou Alexander handed out copies of the brochure that will be distributed among the districts. On a motion by Anne Hearn, seconded by Johnnye Butler, the Committee voted to hold the Workshop at Belmont Motor Lodge, Baton Rouge. There will be no pattern of attendance as everyone is encouraged to attend on November 3 and to promote the workshop. However, it was suggested that districts might look at their budgets and send one representative and local units should be encouraged to send key persons. Cost of the workshop will be approximately $2000 and Women's Division will subsidize if at least 100 women participate. Seed money of $200 for expenses is needed to publicize, etc. Evelyn Evans made a motion seconded by Mary Margaret Barr, that the $200 be taken from unanticipated opportunities. The motion carried. On a motion by Lottie Palazzo, secondedby Mary Margaret Barr, the Executive Committee approved paying the $20 registration fee for the Political Skills Task Group out of the $200 previously voted.

WEST GULF REGIONAL SCHOOL- Nell Read reminded Conference Officers that this meeting is not optional; elected leaders are expected to attend. Two substitutions can be made, however. Ola Fisher, a member of the Regional School Planning Team, asked the group to consider several discussion questions sent by the Team. Among the concerns listed by the Executive Committee in response to the questions were membership, missionary recruitment, and Sunday meetings. An issue of concern was nuclear waste disposal. Questions about the work of the General Board of Global Ministries dealt with input about Conference projects and the image of the Board. Anne Hearn reminded those present to consider the source of information when hearing/reading about the Board and issues. Taylor Phillips called attention to the toll-free number that can be called to receive information on both sides of present issues. Each district Coordinator for Christian Social Involvement has the number.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED - The National Assembly of Church Women United will be July 20-23 and Taylor Phillips and Mary Margaret Barr are the representatives for Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women. The Louisiana Assembly of Church Women United is March 14-15 in Lake Charles. Nell Read is attending by virtue of her office and on a motion by Taylor Phillips, the Committee voted that Norma Winegeart and Lottie Palazzo also represent La. Conference UMW. Mary Margaret Barr will send registration blanks.

NATIONAL SEMINAR - Taylor Phillips requested that a mini-workshop (one day) be held in 1985. She further suggested that the book "What Does It Profit?" be used in conjunction with the workshop. The Committee approved the request and March 30, April 20 and April 27 were suggested as possible dates. The date will be finalized at the Executive Committee meeting in July.

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLINES WORKSHOP - On a motion by Taylor Phillips, seconded by Georgie Dunbar, permission was given for Ola Fisher, Chairperson of the workshop, to secure a co-chairperson and task group to work with her. Nancy Carruth

suggested that the workshop might start earlier on Friday and end on Saturday evening rather than go over on Sunday.

NOTE - Lueburda Myers reported that she was the only one from Louisiana Conference to attend the New Officer Training Event in New York City in December. There were some 190 conference participants and over 40 staff and guest facilitators. She was impressed with the opening and with the quiet room that was available for calmness she said. More about the meeting will be shared at later events.

RETREAT - Patt Cobb, chairperson of the Task Group on 1985 Retreat, recommended the dates of March 22-23, 1985 and as an alternate, March 29-30, 1985. Toro Hills and the Lake Charles District Camp were suggested as alternate sites to Seashore Assembly Center, Biloxi, Mississippi, where previous retreats have been held.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Nell Read announced that the centennial certificates would be presented to new units at Annual Meeting and she asked for suggestions as to the receipient of the Special Mission Recognition Pin given at Annual Conference. Chairpersons of Task Groups and Committees were reminded that they are responsible for notifying their members of meeting times, places, etc. even for those meetings that take place in conjunction with or in addition to the Executive Committee meeting.

GENERAL CONFERENCE - Nancy Carruth expressed appreciation for the support she has received since elected to General Conference last June. She asked that we keep in prayer the General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference delegations. She also requested that we rely on the United Methodist Reporter and other Methodist publications for information.

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION 1985 - Ola Fisher was approved as the Assistant Dean for the 1985 School of Christian Mission.

The meeting adjourned with a blessing and lunch was served.

Present for the meeting was Nell Read, Evelyn Evans, Norma Winegeart, Lou Alexander, Wanda Nelson, Jane Scott, Alice Story, Mary Pollard, Georgie Dunbar, Emily Wiley, Margaret Burris, Janelle McCammon, Jean Bezette, Mary Lou France, Betty Carlin, Anne Hearn, Helen B. Johnson, Pat Cobb, Lottie Palazzo, Taylor Phillips, Wilma Crosby, Nancy Carruth, Mary Margaret Barr, Ola Fisher, Johnnye Butler, Erelene Bradford, Dorothy Abraham, Lois Patten, Betty Blackman, Virginia Aswell, Lueburda Myers, Judy McFarland, Beth Clements, Alberta Springer, Linda Shepherd, Judy Sandlin, Estelle Dameron, Ruth Allen, and Fran Hall.

Evelyn Evans, Secretary

Nell Read, President

Examiners:
Judy McFarland
Mary Margaret Barr

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
July 23, 1984

The Executive Committee, Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women, met July 23, 1984 at Centenary College, Shreveport, in the Cafeteria. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by the president, Nell Read, who shared reflections on the reasons for being United Methodist Women and for being present.

Attending the meeting were Nell Read, Evelyn Evans, Norma Winegeart, Wanda Nelson, Mary Margaret Barr, Wilma Crosby, Jane Scott, Ruth Allen, Mary Lou France, Georgie Dunbar, Betty Carlin, Dorothy Abraham, Helen Bailey Johnson, Ruth Brown, Pat Cobb, Janelle McCammon, Jean Bezette, Lois Patten, Jackie Morgan, Anne Hearn, Betsy Wilhite, Judy Sandlin, Mary Pollard, Erelene Bradford, Ola Fisher, Fran Hall, and Lueburda Myers.

APPOINTMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE - Helen Johnson and Mary Lou France were appointed to examine the minutes. Correspondence included notes of appreciation from Nancy Carruth for the Special Mission Recognition pin given her at Annual Conference, Elizabeth Thomas for nominating her for the Women's Division, Odell Simmons for a contribution to Shreveport Metropolitan Ministries, Ken Ward for contributions to Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation, and Winderlean Lewis for the experience of attending Regional School in Dallas as a substitute for Norma Winegeart.

OFFICER SHARINGS

PRESIDENT - Nell Read reported that a large part of the president's responsibility, involving much time and travel, is representing United Methodist Women to the general church by serving on various boards and agencies. She further reported that our Conference has taken advantage of the programs offered by Women's Division and that we should be accountable for seeing that local units and women be apprised of these excellent programs. A copy of the report is on file with the secretary.

SECRETARY - Evelyn Evans stressed the necessity for local elections in September and the need to emphasize that local units submit full names, addresses, and the number of members in their units to the district secretaries.

MEMBERSHIP - Fran Hall announced that January 27, 1985 will be United Methodist Women Sunday and local units should begin planning now for the event. More than 150 units reported celebrating the 1984 event and copies of programs and souvenirs sent to Mrs. Hall have been compiled and are on display in James Dormitory. There were 32 applicants for the Estelle Dameron Scholarships for School of Christian Mission; 26 were selected. On a motion by Mrs. Hall, seconded by Pat Cobb, the Committee voted approval to giving a 27th scholarship for the 1984 School.

VICE PRESIDENT - Norma Winegeart reported that she had moved and gave her new Shreveport address. She expressed appreciation to Winderlean Lewis for attending Regional School. The rest of her report is under the Committee on Program. Copies of the report are on file.

TREASURER - Wanda Nelson reported that the first two quarters were very good financially. A little over 50 percent of the Conference pledge to mission has been submitted to Women's Division. Mrs. Nelson recommended that the budget deficit in the Jurisdiction Meeting of $276.83 be absorbed and that the fund begin accumulating anew next year. On a motion by Georgie Dunbar, seconded by Helen Johnson, the recommendation carried. District Treasurers were asked to remind local units to order Special Mission Recognition pins in October and November for UMW Sunday next January. Any orders submitted later than this will create a hardship in getting out end-of-year reports and turning over the records to the auditor and in-coming treasurer. Financial statements were distributed for examination and question.

The proposed budget for 1985 was submitted by the Finance Committee and on a motion by Janelle McCammon, seconded by Dorothy Abraham, approved for recommendation to the Annual Meeting in September. A copy of the proposed budget is attached to these minutes.

MISSION COORDINATORS - Reports detailing their attendance at various meetings were submitted by the coordinators. Norma Winegeart read the report of Taylor Phillips in her absence. Taylor reported that she has a copy of a filmstrip that is being used by Women's Division to develop a filmstrip on the history of the Charter for Racial Justice. It is available for preview and to make suggestions to Women's Division. She also stated that each district is being asked to register at least five persons from their district to attend the Political Skills Workshop, November 3, 1984, in Baton Rouge.

Ola Fisher thanked the Committee for allowing her to serve on the Regional School Committee. Nell Read, in turn, expressed the appreciation of the Committee to Ola for the manner in which she served the Conference mission team. She epitomized team effort and did it with sweet, good grace said Mrs. Read.

UNITED NATIONS INTERPRETER - A letter was received from Mia Adjali asking that the Executive Committee name a person to promote developing and understanding of the United Nations program within Louisiana. The person is to work with Florence Issacs, the United Nations Interpreter for Women's Division. Taylor Phillips submitted the name of Margaret Ford of Jennings for the task and the Committee approved.

PROGRAM RESOURCES - Secretary of Program Resources, Lueburda Myers, was congratulated on her election to the Regional School Planning Committee. She will be going to New York in November for training for next year's Regional School. Each Conference is being asked to prepare a skit for Regional School, either on RESPONSE or Program. Mrs. Myers reported that she had on hand program resources worth over $13,000 and encouraged everyone to make purchases for their local unit while at Centenary.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS - Dorothy Abraham, chairperson of the Committee on Nominations submitted the following slate of nominees for election at Annual Meeting:

Vice President	Norma Winegeart (Mrs. Jack) 9212 Kingston Road Shreveport, Louisiana 71118	2 years

Treasurer	Judith Rountree (Mrs. Joe L.) 507 Main Street Gueydan, Louisiana 70542	2 years
Secretary for Financial Interpretation	Barbara L. Woods 2334 Cherokee Street Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806	2 years
Mission Coordinator for Christian Personhood	Ella Mae Custer 2913 Dick Taylor Monroe, Louisiana 71202	2 years
Christian Global Concerns	Johnnye Butler (Mrs. T. J.) 724 18th Avenue Franklinton, Louisiana 70438	1 year
Christian Social Involvement	Taylor Phillips P.O. Box 931 Lake Arthur, Louisiana 70549	2 years
Supportive Community	Madge Lewis (Mrs. Wilber) P.O. Box 211 Haynesville, Louisiana 71038	2 years
Chairperson, Committee on Nominations	Margaret Burris (NO-S) Rt. 6 Box 30 Franklinton, Louisiana 70438	1 year
Members, Committee on Nominations	Mary Parker (Mrs. John A.) (LC) 902 North Simmons Street Lake Charles, Louisiana 70601	3 years
	Elizabeth Lowrey (S) P.O. Box 1139 Mansfield, Louisiana 71052	3 years
	Idelle Simms (Mrs. L. H.) (R) Rt. 1 Box 174 Shongaloo, Louisiana 71022	3 years

DISTRICT SHARING - Each of the nine districts submitted written reports highlighting activities and work being done in their areas. Nearly all of them reported having held spiritual growth retreats in the spring and planning a Mini-School of Christian Mission for their districts in the fall when they gave the reports orally. Baton Rouge-Hammond reported losing a member of their district team, Mary Ruth Monteguedo died in April. They also reported that their District Secretary, Joyce Reed, had a baby boy. Shreveport District reported a new unit at Bayou Scie United Methodist Church near Zwolle. Copies of the complete reports are on file with the secretary.

COMMITTEES

PROGRAM - Norma Winegeart reported attending the Louisiana Seminar of World Federation of Methodist Women in March. Calendars of Conference UMW activities were distributed and the Committee approved the dates of February 8 and 9, 1985 for Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting; March 22, 23, and 24, 1985 for Conference Retreat in Biloxi, Mississippi; and April 27, 1985 for the Mini-Workshop on National

Seminar. On a recommendation from the Program Committee, the Committee on Implementation of the Charter for Racial Justice Policies was given permission to hold a meeting. They will meet September 1, 1984.

PLACE OF ANNUAL MEETING - Evelyn Evans reported that the United Methodist Women of Asbury United Methodist Church, Lafayette, had extended an invitation to hold the 1985 Annual Meeting there. There was some discussion about the size of the church and the possibility of limiting registration, but the Committee, on a motion by Mary Margaret Barr, seconded by Georgie Dunbar, voted to accept their gracious invitation.

1985 ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM COMMITTEE - On a motion by Pat Cobb, seconded by Betty Carlin, the Committee voted to allow the Administrative Committee to select a chairperson for the 1985 Annual Meeting Program Committee.

CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS, AND STANDING RULES - Judy Sandlin, chairperson of the committee, presented the following suggested change in the Conference Standing Rules. "Under the section, Special Mission Recogntion, Gifts, Memorials, number 1, add 'When women from the Louisiana Conference are commissioned long or short-term missionaries by the General Board of Global Ministries, they shall be honored with a Twenty-five ($25) dollar Special Mission Recognition Pin.' "

Norma Winegeart made a motion to accept the recommendation for presentation to the Annual Meeting, Pat Cobb seconded the motion, and it carried.

1984 ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM COMMITTEE - Chairperson Wilma Crosby reported on the plans for the September 14-15 program in Ruston. Officers were reminded that the deadline for packet materials is September 1 and that 750 packets are being prepared. The Friday night offering will go to the Ellen Thoburn Cowen Memorial Hospital and School of Nursing in India in honor of speaker, Dr. Vela Cleveland. The Love Feast offering will go to Peoples Community Center. Nell Read will let the local person know how many motel rooms are needed for the executive committee and guests.

POLITICAL SKILLS WORKSHOP - Nell Read announced that the workshop will be held November 3, 1984 at the Bellmont Hotel in Baton Rouge.

CHARTER IMPLEMENTATION - Chairperson Erelene Bradford reported that additional copies of the Conference booklet "Opening Doors to Racial/Ethnic Understanding" are available. The committee will be meeting soon for an organizational/planning workshop as there are new members on the committee and as a refresher for others.

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION 1984- Johnnye Butler, Dean, reported a promising and dynamic faculty for the School. Marian Eggerton and Amy Ward not only developed the Resource/Learning Center, but secured banners to brighten Kilpatrick Auditorium.

DISTRICT ELECTED LEADERS TRAINING - Nell Read read the report on DELT in the absence of Betty Rowell, chairperson. The training will be October 20, 1984 at Horseshoe Drive United Methodist Church, Alexandria. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the events will close by 2:45 p.m. Theme for the day will be

"District Leaders - The Link Between the Conference and Local Units." Conference officers will meet with their district counterparts for 90 minutes in the morning and in cluster groups in the afternoon.

RETREAT - Jackie Morgan, Co-chairperson of the Task Group for the 1985 Conference Retreat, reported that the retreat will be held March 22-24, 1985 at Seashore Methodist Assembly in Biloxi, Mississippi. Registration will begin at 3 p.m. on Friday and the opening session will be at 7 p.m.

The retreat will close with the Sunday morning session ending at 10:30 a.m. A proposed budget of $7330 was submitted. Registration, room and board for participants will be $55. Members of the Task Group are Jackie Morgan, and Pat Cobb, co-chairpersons; Ola Fisher, Wanda Nelson, Mary Lou Blakeman, Louise Thomas, Betsy Wilhite, Dorothy Taylor, Jane Eubanks, and Nell Read, ex-officio.

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLINES WORKSHOP - Ola Fisher reported that questionnaires will be mailed out on September 20, 1984 and that registration forms will be sent out November 1, 1984. The workshop will be held February 22-24, 1985.

UPDATE ON WOMEN'S DIVISION - Nell Read reported that she had received several pieces of literature from Women's Division that might answer some questions encountered in the districts about recent happenings within the United Methodist Church and the Board of Global Ministries.

Chiquita Smith sent a questionnaire dealing with inclusiveness of employed women. The report is to be returned by October 1, 1984. Nell Read will fill out the report.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10 p.m. with Georgie Dunbar dismissing those assembled with prayer.

Evelyn Evans, Secretary

Nell Read, President

Helen Bailey Johnson
Mary Lou France
Examiners

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
September 13, 1984

The Executive Committee, Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women, met Thursday, Spetember 13, 1984 at the Holiday Inn, Ruston, President Nell Read called the meeting to order at 8 p.m. Ola Fisher presented a devotional based on Matthew 25:14-25, reminding those present not to be afraid to take risks and to take new responsibilities without fear of failure.

In attendance were Alice Story, Jane Scott, Nell Read, Norma Winegeart, Nancy Carruth, Lottie Palazzo, Ola Fisher, Georgie Dunbar, Ruth Brown, Sara Fugler, Betty Rowell, Taylor Phillips, Ruth Allen, Mary Pollard, Erelene Bradford, Mary Margaret Barr, Judy Sandlin, Lois Patten, Jackie Morgan, Pat Cobb, Helen Johnson, Dorothy Abraham, Lueburda Myers, Johnnye Butler, Alberta Springer, Betsy Wilhite, Jean Bezette, Betty Carlin, Mary Lou France, Fran Hall, Wanda Nelson, and Evelyn Evans.

CORRESPONDENCE - Secretary Evelyn Evans read a letter from Reverend Willis Dear, of First United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, inquiring if the Conference United Methodist Women would be interested in working on a joint project with the Conference Board of Church and Society. The project is a workshop on Central America and the Caribbean sponsored by Women's Division in cooperation with the Ecumenical Program for Interamerican Communication and Action. The two-day workshop will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church, Ruston, April 19-21, 1985. On a motion by Mary Margaret Barr, seconded by Georgie Dunbar, the Committee voted to support the workshop by publicizing and promoting it and appointing a person to work with Reverend Dear. Nell Read will contact Gloria Wright to be the liason person. If she cannot serve, Mrs. Read was given permission to secure another person.

A letter was read from Zenobia Waters, president of South Central Jurisdiction Core Planning Group. There will be a President's Consultation on February 8-10, 1985. This necessitated changing the Conference Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting to February 1-2, 1985.

DELT 1985 - Georgie Dunbar was approved as the chairperson for the 1985 District Elected Leader Training Workshop. She will secure a meeting place and report at the mid-year Executive Committee meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM 1985 - The 1985 Annual Meeting will be held September 20-21, at Asbury United Methodist Church, Lafayette. The Committee approved Judy Sandlin as chairperson and Betty Ferrington as co-chairperson of this Annual Meeting Program Committee.

COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM 1985 - On a motion by Taylor Phillips, seconded by Mary Margaret Barr, the Committee accepted the recommendation of Vice President Norma Winegeart as to the make-up of the Committee on Program. Members will be Norma Winegeart, chairperson; Nell Read, Judy Rountree, Evelyn Evans, Johnnye Butler, Taylor Phillips, Madge Lewis, Ella Mae Custer, Lueburda Myers, and Fran Hall.

HISTORIAN - Nell Read recommended Dorothy Abraham to complete the final year of the two year appointive term of Mary Lou Blakeman who asked to be relieved as Historian. The recommendation was approved. Nominations for the ENCYCLOPEDIA OF 100 WOMEN IN MISSION are due by October 20, 1984.

NATIONAL SEMINAR - Taylor Phillips announced that the National Seminar Mini-Workshop will be April 27, 1985 in Bunkie. Resource books will be available for purchase at mid-year Executive Committee meeting.

TREASURER - Third quarter reports are not in yet so there was no formal written report by Wanda Nelson, treasurer. She did report that the School of Christian Mission cost was approximately $7700 and that the Administration and Membership Development Budget for the year will be very close.

DELT 1985 - Betty Rowell, chairperson for District Elected Leader Training, reminded officers that they will have two sessions with their counterparts at DELT, October 20. Leadership training will be provided for sub-district leaders also.

POLITICAL SKILLS - Sara Fugler, co-chairperson of the Task Group on Political Skills Workshop, detailed plans for the workshop which will be held November 3, 1984, at the Bellemont Hotel, Baton Rouge. Theme for the one-day event will be "Making a

Difference - Women in Electoral Politics." Members of the Legislative Concerns Committee will assist with registration. The registration fee of $20 includes lunch and a workbook will be available for $18. Posters and packets of registration forms were distributed to the Executive Committee and District Presidents. Nell Read asked that members of the Executive Committee wholeheartedly endorse the project. Women CAN make the difference in what is going on in our state she said.

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLINES WORKSHOP - Ola Fisher, chairperson of the workshop, distributed a questionnaire to be used in planning for the February 22-24, 1985 event. Questionnaires are to be returned no later that October 20. On a motion by Mary Margaret Barr seconded by Norma Winegeart, the attendance pattern for the workshop was approved to include the Conference Executive Committee and four representatives from each district, preferably two of them being the District Mission Coordinators of Christian Personhood and Supportive Community. Substitutes may be allowed for those district representatives who cannot attend.

CHARTER ON RACIAL JUSTICE POLICIES - Chairperson Erelene Bradford reported for the Committee on Implementation of Charter on Racial Justice Policies that the January issue of the Newsletter will include a feature on promoting the use of the Conference booklet, "Opening Doors to Racial/Ethnic Understanding."

REGIONAL SCHOOL - Lueburda Myers, member of the Regional School of Christian Missions Committee, reminded the group that each conference is asked to submit four skits. Erelene Bradford suggested ideas for a skit emphasizing the Charter for Racial Justice Policies and one will be developed. District Presidents are to contact local units to see if they have skits that can be used. They must be turned in at mid-year Executive Committee meeting. Also due at that meeting are questionnaires concerning the studies for 1985 that were distributed to those who attend Regional School.

ANNUAL MEETING 1984 - Wilma Crosby, chairperson of the Committee on Annual Meeting Program, reported that pre-registration totaled only 400 and shared the program booklet with those gathered. On a motion by Linda Shepherd, seconded by Norma Winegeart, the honorarium for the speaker, Dr. Vela Cleveland, was set at $175. She will also receive travel expenses. An honorarium of $100 for the organist and $50 for the songleader was approved on a motion by Mrs. Shepherd, seconded by Evelyn Evans.

DIRECTORY DEDICATION - The 1984-85 Annual Report/Directory is to honor Mrs. J. W. E. Bowen, Jr. and Mrs. George S. Sexton, Jr. Norma Winegeart and Evelyn Evans will research and secure someone to write the dedication in memory of these ladies.

PROGRAM RESOURCES - Lueburda Myers asked that the record reflect how helpful Cheryl Pullis had been in setting up the program resource room.

THANK YOU - The Committee expressed appreciation to Nell Read for the dinner held earlier in the evening at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Stanley and Judy Read. Their address, Rt. 3 Box 259, Farmerville 71241, was given for those who wished to write thank you notes.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m. with prayer by Nell Read.

Evelyn Evans, Secretary

Nell Read, President

Examiners:
Mary Margaret Barr
Judy Sandlin

JOURNAL OF THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Ruston, Louisiana
September 14-15, 1984
"Our Share In The Heritage"

The Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women opened Friday, September 14, 1984 at 1:00 P.M. in the sanctuary of Trinity United Methodist Church, Ruston, Louisiana. Nell Read, President, convened the meeting and presided.

OPENING WORSHIP: Audrey Milo led those assembled in singing the Call to Worship which was printed in the program. Hymn No. 10 in the METHODIST HYMNAL, "Let All the World," was sung. Faye Barr-hartung read Colossians 1:3-14.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

O Lord, creator and redeemer of all nations and peoples, we come to you in recognition that we often become more involved in the creation of programs, mission, and service than we do in listening for your voice and your direction. We hear the call of our own plans and decisions before we hear your call. Sometimes we do not look at the true needs before doing what we think should be done.

We know that you call us to mission, to service, to worship, and to being a part of your family, but we put our own interpretations and limitations on this call.

Lord, forgive our shortcomings and give us the courage and strength to open our eyes, ears, hearts, and minds to see your world and your people as you want them to be. Help us to accept our portion of the heritage that we may become a part of your great kingdom. Amen.

THEME HYMN: Hymn No. 193 in the METHODIST HYMNAL, "Jesus United By Thy Grace," was sung.

LITANY: THe following Litany of Our Heritage was recited.

Leader: Let us give thanks for the Wesleys and the Holy Club which persisted its different approach to worship and the word.

People: We are thankful for their insight and determination in the belief that the message and word of God should be wherever people are found.

Leader: Let us remeber with gratitude the Christmas Conference, the Circuit Riders, and the courageous pioneers who met in homes that the Word of God could reach every corner of our nation.

People: We remember them. We especially thank God for all those women who insisted that a church and a school be among the first structures of any new community.

Leader: We will remember all these women who had the courage to be first in mission, in service, and in giving, who heard the call and responded.

Unison: We pledge ourselves to respond to the challenge that all of these women and men have presented to us down through these two hundred years. We ask you, God of all persons, to give us the strength and courage to join them in leaving a heritage for those who come after us which will be a part of your divine plan.

MISSION CANDLE: The mission candle of heritage was lit by Maude Harris. This candle represented the heritage that comes to us from the long line of women who have served the Kingdom of God in Jesus Christ.

1984 MEETING: United Methodist Women of Mansfield United Methodist Church re-enacted the First Annual Conference of the Women's Missionary Society of Louisiana held in Mansfield on June 7 and 8, 1884. The minutes of the meeting are in the Conference Archives at Centenary College. They were given to the Conference by Jane Fullilove Mason, granddaughter of Mrs. Thomas P. Fullilove, one of the early officers of the Women's Missionary Society.

CONFERENCE B: Audrey Milo spoke of the black women who were pioneers in Louisiana Methodism. She told of Fannie Turner, Ruth Carter, Rosie Cobb, Irma Green Jackson, Urania Hinckley, Inez Chrisentery and Mae Etta Castain. Those gathered were urged to read TO A HIGHER GLORY and/or SIX DECADES OF SERVICE for further information. These historical moments closed with the singing of the Negro spiritual, "There Is A Balm in Gilead."

WELCOME: Anita Bell, president of United Methodist Women, Trinity UMC, Ruston, extended a welcome on behalf of the unit at Trinity. She expressed the hope that those gathered would go home richer for new-found friends, for knowledge, and for inspiration. Mary Margaret Barr, Ruston District President, welcomed the group on behalf of the district. She told of the 1887 meeting of Women's Missionary Society held in Ruston at which they voted to write a note of appreciation to the railroad company for the reduced rates for the women attending the meeting. Lower railroad fares may not be beneficial to those attending today, she said, but the 27 units of the district are providing sandwiches, coffee, cookies and donuts instead. Reverend Chris Andrews spoke greeting for Trinity United Methodist Church and the community of Ruston.

PRESENTATION OF PROGRAM: Wilma Crosby, Chairperson of the Committee on Annual Meeting Program, and Linda Shepherd, Vice Chairperson of the Committee, introduced the program and the other members of the Committee utilizing a skit to do so. They pretended to have a telephone conversation and each committee member stood as the conversation dealt with her.

REPORT OF THE PRESDIENT: Before presenting her report, Nell Read, introduced Virginia Laskey, former president of Women's Division. She also recognized project directors Jane Seymour and Jerry Bridges; Terrel DeVille of Methodist Children's Home, and Bill Stokes, director of Wesley Foundation at Louisiana Tech. Her report, entitled "Who Are United Methodist Women?," was as follows:

"If God gave a special gift to women, perhaps it is perception, an awareness and understanding of the needs of others. Women at the empty tomb perceived that Christ's message was infinite. They felt the need to tell the good news of the risen Savior, even at the expense of being called ridiculous. Women in the nineteenth century sensed the misery of the poor, the hungry, illiterate, and oppressed; and they decided to organize in mission. Indeed, our foremother's eyes were illumined with the hope of Christ. They opened a way for the power of God to work in the world through their mission of service and giving. We continue to celebrate more than one hundred years as a group of lay women, and a few men, whose purpose is to deepen our spiritual lives and provide effective leadership in the total life of the church.

Because we are a diverse group, you might get a variety of answers to the question, "Who are United Methodist Women?" For example, Fran Hall might respond by telling you that we are eager to tell our story to local congregations in order to help others understand what we are about. For just this reason we had 86 units who reported participating in our annual observance of United Methodist Women Sunday. The fourth Sunday in January is set aside in our conference each year as United Methodist Women's Day.

Who are United Methodist Women? Janell McCammon might answer, "We are leaders". She chaired a Leadership Development Workshop last January. Yes, it is true that we place a great emphasis on leadership training at every level, and this pays rich dividends when these leaders take other responsibilities in the total life of the church.

Who are United Methodist Women? They are people who thirst for knowledge. Johnnye Butler will tell you that our School of Christian Mission provides a fertile ground for learning - about ourselves and how to articulate our faith - about our neighboring nations, in particular, Korea, the focus for this year's geographical study - about the social, religious, and political condition of our world and how we can direct our energies toward insuring that we can all live together in this world in peace. Margaret St. Amant found School of Mission an ideal avenue to express her energetic passion for peace. This year 21 persons experienced School of Christian Mission as receipients of Estelle Dameron Scholarships. I doubt that their life will be the same. Won't you plan to attend next year and receive a blessing? We also produced a video tape of overviews of the three studies. This is available for your use from the Audio Visual Library at the Headquarters Building in Baton Rouge. We hope you will take advantage of the opportunity to use it.

Who are United Methodist Women? We are people who believe we should carry our Christianity into every aspect of our living. Sara Fugler, Chairperson of Political Skills Workshop, will tell you that we can make a difference by becoming involved in the governmental process. We have a theological mandate as a people of faith to "do justice, to care for the poor and oppressed, and to be peacemakers." On November 3 you will have an opportunity to learn how to be more accountable as citizens and voters - and even office holders. Come to Political Skills Workshop.

Who are United Methodist Women? Through our pledge to mission dollars we are: education for students at the College of West Africa in Monrovia, Liberia; treatment of disease at Mission Hospital in Pakistan; training in agricultural work at the Altiplano Area in Bolivia; a chance for economic growth through the Western Samoa Land Development Project in the Pacific Islands; food for children dying of starvation in Southwest Ethiopia.

This is just to name a few of the many places we are in mission around the world.

Who are United Methodist Women? We are an inclusive group - trying to make our programs relevant to the young, mothers of small children, single parents, the employed, retired and elderly. We continue to plan more innovative ways of opening doors to racial/ethnic understanding.

Who are United Methodist Women? We must become willing to accept the challenge of change. Our world today is far different than it was when our foremothers answered the call to tell the good news. There is still the need to share our money. Few there are of us who could not give more sacrifically. And the need is great.

But our time and talents can also be used in God's service. Women in local units study about the crisis condition of social ills - drug abuse, juvenile delinquency, high divorce rate, neglect of elderly, runaway and homeless children, the physically, mentally and emotionally handicapped persons, high crime rate, abused children and battered wives. Statistics show that in Louisiana abuse of children has reached epidemic proportions - in 1979 there were 6,749 cases reported. By 1983 the number had climed to 18,000.

So we bemoan our condition, agreeing that something should be done. Did you ever think that we - United Methodist Women - could tackle problems? You say, "But how?" Shreveport District United Methodist Women are giving support to the YES Program - Youth Education Services. A workshop on September 27 will show how volunteers can become involved in this special ministry to other women and children.

Perhaps you could give a few hours of service in a tutoring program, prison ministry, day care for children or elderly, or mother's day out. In Baton Rouge, Istrouma Church provides space for a Christian Care Program and can use volunteers.

Or we may be perceptive enough to feel the needs of an overworked young mother, a troubled teen, a couple having difficulty in their marriage. Here we can apply our supportive community to give encouragement before problems become insurmountable. Prevention is better than cure. The root cause of much of our children's difficulties is the instability of the home and the break up of families.

Does this sound like a big challenge? Could this be part of Our Share In The Heritage? The founders of the earliest Mission Societies had the courage to envision a better world. Can we do less?

Mission is bringing the love of Christ into the world to alleviate suffering. People all around us are hurting. Do we feel their pain? If so, how can we fail to become involved?

Who are you? Are you a United Methodist Woman willing to do more than occasionally attend a circle meeting and exchange recipes with friends? There are needs in your own church and community. You can organize for service. Christ calls us to be His hands and feet. We must dare to risk - dare to give - dare to serve - for it is only through service to others that we attain God's peace.

Shalom"

APPOINTMENTS: Alice Story and Helen Bailey-Johnson were appointed to examine the minutes.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Evelyn Evans, Conference Secretary read the following recommendation of the Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee of Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women recommends that the offering from this eleventh Annual Meeting be given to the Ellen Thoburn Cowen Memorial Hospital and School of Nursing in India in honor of Dr. Vela Cleveland.

The recommendation was approved.

STANDING RULES: Judy Sandlin, Chairperson of the Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules, reported that the Committee recommends the following change:

That the Conference Standing Rule Number 1 under the Section Special Mission Recognition, Gifts, Memorials, Page 6 of the Standing Rules as revised and distributed at the Annual Meeting 1983, be amended to read:

1. When women from the Louisiana Conference are consecrated in the diaconal ministry, or when they are ordained elders in the Annual Conference, they shall be honored with a Twenty-five ($25) dollar gift to missions through the Special Mission Recognition Plan (formerly "Special Memberships") in United Methodist Women. WHEN WOMEN FROM THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE ARE COMMISSIONED LONG OR SHORT-TERM MISSIONARIES BY THE GENERAL BOARD OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES, THEY SHALL BE HONORED WITH A TWENTY-FIVE ($25) DOLLAR SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION PIN.

(The portion in all caps denotes the change being made in the Standing Rule.)

REPORT OF TREASURER: Wanda Nelson, Treasurer, spoke of God's continuing financial blessings as she told those assembled that the Pledge to Mission had once again been overpaid. She reported that the giving thus far in 1984 reflects an increase over the same period last year and asked that units continue second-mile giving with Special Mission Recognition, Gifts to Mission and the Thanks Bank. The following proposed budget for 1985 was presented and adopted.

PROPOSED BUDGET - 1985

Louisiana Conference - United Methodist Women

PLEDGE TO MISSION		$225,750.00
ADMINISTRATIVE & MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:		
A.	Travel Expenses: Mileage, room, board, insurance for Executive Committee events within our Conference	$7000.00
B.	Officer Resources: Service Center, etc.	100.00
C.	District Administrative & Membership Development	12,135.00
D.	Jurisdiction A & MD: (5/8 of 1% of pledge)	1,410.93
E.	Schools of Christian Mission:	
	1. Regional	3,000.00
	2. Conference	7,500.00
F.	Programs & Events Within Our Conference:	
	1. Annual Meeting	1,500.00
	2. District Elected Leadership Training	1,200.00
	3. Church Related Meetings (CWU State Assembly, etc.)	150.00
	4. Christian Disciplines Workshop	2,500.00
	5. Mini National Seminar	500.00
	6. Retreat, 1985 ($100 accumulated)	-0-
G.	Attendance at Regional & National Events:	
	1. Assembly, 1986 (cumulative 4 years)	1,400.00
	2. Jurisdiction Meeting, 1988 (cumulative 4 years)	600.00
	3. Church Women United Ecumenical Assembly, 1988 cumulative 4 years)	250.00
	4. National Seminar, 1987 (cumulative 4 years)	250.00
	5. Other Special Meetings	300.00
H.	Operating Expenses:	
	1. Conference Directory	1,750.00
	2. Newsletter	3,600.00
	3. Postage	900.00
	4. Office Supplies & Mimeographing	750.00
	5. Telephone	750.00
	6. Audit	1,000.00
	7. Honors and Memorials	300.00
I.	Church Women United	250.00
J.	Unanticipated Opportunities	300.00
	Total A & MD Budget for 1985	$ 49,395.93
TOTAL CONFERENCE BUDGET		$275,145.93
Amount to be withheld to equal 18% of Pledge		$ 40,635.00
Amount to be used from anticipated income from A & MD gifts & excess		8,760.93
		$ 49,395.93

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS: The following nominees for officers and term of office were reported by Dorothy Abraham, Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations:

Vice President	Norma Winegeart (Mrs. Jack)	2 years
Treasurer	Judith Rountree (Mrs. Joe)	2 years
Secretary for		
Financial Interpretation	Barbara L. Woods	2 years
Mission Coordinator for:		
Christian Personhood	Ella Mae Custer	2 years
Christian Global Concerns	Johnnye Butler (Mrs. T. J.)	1 year
Christian Social Involvement	Taylor Phillips	2 years
Supportive Community	Madge Lewis (Mrs. Wilber)	2 years
Chairperson,		
Committee on Nominations	Margaret Burris	1 year
Members,		
Committee on Nominations	Mary Parker (Mrs. John)	3 years
	Elizabeth Lowrey	3 years
	Idelle Simms (Mrs. L. H.)	3 years

ELECTION: There were no nominations from the floor so election was by voice vote. All nominees were elected.

OUT-OF-CONFERENCE EVENTS:

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED - Lottie Palazzo reported attending the State Assembly in Lake Charles in March. The theme for the meeting, "Life Is A Gift and A Task," was taken from John 10:10. Nine denominations were represented at this meeting where timely, interesting, and challenging issues were presented.

Taylor Phillips attended the National Assembly of Church Women United at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, July 19 through July 23. "Come Build A New Earth - Pieces to Peace" was the theme of this meeting attended by 3500 women from 65 countries. A Peace Ribbon was created during the assembly. It was being sent to the Pentagon on the anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and from there it will be housed at the Chicago Museum.

WORLD FEDERATION OF METHODIST WOMEN - Elsie Terral urged members to remember and join other Methodist denominations in the worldwide call to pray for peace each morning at seven o'clock. She recounted the workshop issues presented at this State Seminar held at Newman UMC in Alexandria, March 31, and reminded those present to become concerned about family structure and informed about what they can do on all issues.

SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION - This quadrennial meeting, held in Wichita, Kansas, on April 13-15, was reported by Taylor Phillips. Dr. Letty Russell, author of the book, BECOMING HUMAN, was the keynote speaker for the meeting which brought together representatives of the more than four thousand units in 123 districts of 17 conferences in 8 states. Among the business conducted during the meeting was the election of officers for the Core Planning Group and directors of the Women's Division.

WEST GULF REGIONAL SCHOOL - Dorothy Abraham reported about this annual program event for conference officers, study group leaders, and deans of conference schools of mission. This year's school was held at SMU in Dallas, June 11-15. Those participating attend study classes and officer training sessions, as well as programs focusing on the work and function of UMW and the Women's Division.

GENERAL CONFERENCE - Nancy Carruth expressed appreciation for her election as leader of the lay delegation to General Conference and subsequently leader of the Louisiana delegation. She reported that of 1,000 delegates there were 264 women, 18 of which lead their delegation. Among the firsts at General Conference was Holy Communion led by a woman bishop. Mrs. Carruth assured the women present that the church does listen to the grass roots and that many minority reports become majority reports. Among action taken at General Conference was the affirmation of the Board of Global Ministries as the only official mission agency of the church.

JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE - Mrs. Carruth also reported on this conference. J. Woodrow Hearn of Louisiana was elected bishop at this meeting as were Walter L. Underwood and Richard Wilkie. Bishop Underwood was assigned to the Louisiana Conference. The 1988 South Central Jurisdictional meeting will be held in Shreveport.

COMMUNITY ENDING: Before beginning the closing thoughts for this session Audrey Milo announced that her daughter, Paula, had been elected a youth member of Women's Division. She then proceeded by asking that those present think about the different kinds of heritage we have had. We have the heritage of John Wesley which tells us to do all the good to everyone we can at all times. But most importantly we have our source, Jesus Christ, and the Bible. Christ reminds us to continually love, share, and help with all the means we have. The session closed with a duet sung by Mrs. Milo and Annette Fortuna, accompanied by Velma McLelland. Their selection was "Fill My Cup" by Isaiah Jones, Jr. from the book, FREE SPIRIT.

HERITAGE IN ACTION: The meeting adjourned and members were invited to participate in one of two groups. Conference officers led the group which answered any questions women might have about United Methodist Women, Women's Division, or the Board of Global Ministries. The other group was shown an NBC television film about early Methodist women, "A Lost History."

CALL TO SERVICE: Audrey Milo opened the evening session at 7 p.m. with the Call to Service found in the program. Hymn No. 150 in the METHODIST HYMNAL, "A Charge to Keep," was sung. Louise Thomas read the scripture, I Thessalonians 1:2-8.

UNISON PRAYER:

> Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, we come to you in thanksgiving for the privilege of serving you. We thank you for all those here who seek to serve you according to each one's gifts and talents. We ask that each of us be given the vision to see what is possible in our time, and that we many work diligently to accomplish the challenge before us.
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> Forgive us when our priorities go awry. Give us courage, patience, and understanding to work with each other in the true spirit of Jesus Christ, our brother, leader, and Savior. Amen.

MISSION CANDLE: The mission candle of witness was lit by Marta Sanfiel. This candle represents women of the present age who offer their time, talents, and gifts in belief

in dignity, fellowship, and the grace of God. It is a symbol of the faith and courage in all women who answer the call, "here am I God, use me."

DR. VELA CLEVELAND: The following is the address by Dr. Cleveland.

"I bring you greetings from the Methodist Church in India, and specifically from the Ellen Thoburn Cowen Memorial Hospital where I spent 21 wonderful years. Tonight I would like to talk a bit about our Methodist Church as a whole, our United Methodist Church, as well as our United Methodist Women.

Since the very beginning our church has been missionary. It's had a flame for missionary effort everywhere, anywhere that our United Methodist members have worked. Very soon after John Wesley began his preaching, we find that those of his followers who were ministers had to leave the Anglican Church. They were no longer welcome in those pulpits because their message was too radical for that particular organized church. But this only served to scatter these ministers and wherever they went they scattered also the good news, farther and farther afield. Our church has always been missionary in its outlook and its practice. John Wesley himself came to America as a missionary to Indians. When this wasn't very successful, he became missionary to the settlers in Georgia. Again he was not successful, so he went back to England. In England he became very successful as he traveled thousands of miles back and forth across England. Many young men later came to America, commissioned by John Wesley, really as missionaries. They came as circuit riders to travel beyond the wilderness and frontiers of this new, growing nation, the United States. Because of the untiring zeal of these young men, scattered settlers were united into units which became the churches, which became the foundation of our great United Methodist Church, when they organized two hundred years ago in 1784.

Now other denominations did not start as missionary-minded, but they later organized missionary units within their bodies to take care of missionary work. When our church decided to organize a missionary division, it wasn't because it was just beginning. Remember they had always been missionary. When they organized the missionary division in 1819 it was because they felt there was a need for better organization in order to give impact and emphasis to the work and to the support of those who were going out on the frontiers. Now as we know, in addition to celebrating the bicentennial of our United Methodist Church, we are also in the midst of celebrating the centennial of our United Methodist Women.

The first one of the parent organizations was the Women's Foreign Missionary Society organized by the Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston in 1869. When they began they had such a storm that day that they only had a handful of people who braved the storm to come out. They said "Let's not put it off; let's do it now. We've put it off too long already." So they organized and they said we are going to send young single women as missionaries. Now since the missionary division was organized in 1819, our church had been sending couples and single men, but no single women. So these women in Boston, before the year was up, raised the funds and found not one, but two young women ready to go as missionaries. Before the end of December of that year the two young women were in India, our first United Methodist missionary women sent to Asia. These were Isabella Thoburn, the first women educator in all Asia. Today there is the Isabella Thoburn College for Women. The other was Dr. Clara Swain, first and only woman doctor in all of Asia. A hospital with her name stands in India today.

During the century that has followed, the flame of their zeal has continued to burn. Sometimes it's been very bright, and sometimes very dim, but never has it gone out. Many women's organizations have been a part of our structure. They have come together with a common purpose and goal, this organization which we today call United Methodist Women.

How much do you know of the details of the work, of even one project? Do you remember the magazine of Women's Society of Christian Service, "The Methodist Woman"? Do you recall a slogan which was heard so much during the 1950's, "A Methodist Woman is an informed woman." I wonder today how much we really are

informed. I wonder how much our United Methodist Men are informed. How much are our United Methodist Youth informed? As I have traveled during the past four years I've been retired, I've spoken in many churches to many groups and one questions which has come to me frequently is, "Where are our young people?" I have been asked many times also where I worked and then if that was a Methodist hospital. It makes me feel like we don't know much about our work.

Actually our United Methodist Women's organization does not include all women of our United Methodist Church. Do you know how it compares in numbers? It is a small portion. This means there are many of us who are learning in our own organization, but we may not be spreading that information very far abroad in our own church. In the gym, there is a table labeled free resource materials. Here is one poster that is on that table. Do you know where you have representative working for you in the world today? That is what the poster asks. Where in the world is the United Methodist Church in mission? You may name a few places, but can you name anywhere near all of them? I'd like to mention a few things tonight in particular about our work in India. Remember that these things are representative of our work done anywhere and everywhere that our church finds these needs, and works to fill these needs.

In India for centuries women have been secluded and hidden. They married at a very early age and after marriage no man outside the family could see them. They were hidden from the world. If they needed medical attention, too bad, because all the doctors were men. They couldn't see them. Thoday purdah is not so strictly observed as it was in the past. Women are not anywhere near hidden and secluded, but many still are. Some women are given medical help by men doctors. Some women are even accepting help from male obstetricians. A great deal of improvements int the medical care of women and their liberation has come about as a result of the flame of Christian love first coming to them, perhaps from a missionary, but later and now through their own national workers. Do you have any idea how many medical hospitals, dispensaries, health centers, clinics we support throughout the world? Another pamphlets on the resource table, "Called to Heal," tells where we have hospitals, dispensaries and other medical work, not only in India, but throughout the world. In India today we have 16 hospitals and several schools of nursing, many dispensaries and health centers. We work in conjunction with several other denominations in two medical schools.

As women were secluded and kept in purdah, hidden from the world, they also received no education. Why should they? After all what were they good for except to bear children and to raise children for their husbands. Why should their fathers waste money and time and effort in educating them? They belonged to the husband and his family. Today it is not that way. Because of the Christian love that came into the country, schools were started for girls. Later on co-educational schools were started. Today we have co-educational schools supported by our church where girls are being educated from primary to high school. Then they go on through the arts and sciences colleges and to universities to receive Ph.D's in many specialized fields. This is a far cry from the purdah which kept them secluded and hidden. Christian love; because somebody cared, because somebody knew, something was done.

Do you know where the colleges and universities are that we are supporting which educate these young women? Well, persons in mission, who have been your representatives in India, have included many professions. This is true today. These professions may include ministers, evangelists, teachers, and principals. These principals may be of high schools, colleges, technical schools, which may include agricultural and various other technical schools, colleges of physical education, business administration, seminaries, arts and science colleges, and Methodist schools. In addition to preachers and evangelists, and teachers, and principals, there are social workers and secretaries. There are nurses and doctors and all specialties. There are laboratory and x-ray technicians, psychologists and counselors, architects, guest house hostessses, business managers and administrators, and many other professions. There is a place somewhere our church might use them. There are

some perhaps that cannot be used, but most of us are in professions certainly that the church can use, and does use, anywhere and everywhere the message goes. The United Methodist Committee on Relief, UMCOR, has its representatives, too, that step in wherever war, or famine or flood, or other disaster has brought about displacing and refugee problems, injury and death, destruction of homes, farms, even loss of bullock. These church representatives step in for you to give love and care to these pople.

How well do we support these projects? Well, there are many, many projects. All of the money that is collected must by allotted according to their needs, as far as the money goes. In India we have eleven conferences. India is a big field for your work. Eleven conferences and my own South India Mission Conference was by far the largest. It used to be that when the money came it was divided equally among the eleven conferences. It never was enough. It is a little more equally distributed now according to the work. When we got our allotment we had to sit down and compare one project against another. Many times projects had to be discarded. Other projects phased out. Those left often had to be curtailed. This isn't just in India. It happens everywhere.

How many persons in mission are represented here today? Do you know how many missionaries are retiring each year and how many new ones are being commissioned? Do you know where missionaries are not welcome, where they cannot get a visa for entrance? How does the percentage of lifetime commitment in our new missionaries compare with lifetime commitment even 20 to 30 years ago? These are really very pertinent questions and I realize that I'm not being very specific in giving you the answers. I hope you will be stirred enough to look up the answers yourself. There is another source of information on the resource table called the Prayer Calendar for 1985. Almost all the answers can be found by doing a little research in this book. Do you have one? If not, get one. In the last five years there has not been one new missionary for India. Did you know that? Not one new missionary for India has been granted a visa in the last five years. The government simply is not giving them and they do not say why. So new missionaries are not welcome today. Those who are there are usually able to get a visa to return. Today there are only 28 United Methodist missionaries in India. When I went 25 years ago there were more than that in my own conference.

In July at the new and furloughed missionary conference, there were 32 missionaries retired; 31 missionaries at that time on furlough in the United States. That means 63 missionaries were off the field in July. There were 22 new missionaires commissioned at that meeting. Five others were there who had been commissioned at other places recently. Twenty-seven new missionaries and 32 retiring. These figures are much better than they were several years ago. There is still hope. Twenty-eight young people were accepted for the US2 program. This you know is a two-year program of missionary work in the United States in mission projects around the country. That's good, but how do we replace the retired people?

What does this mean for the future? Well, it certainly means we must rethink the means and the methods by which we can go into the world and preach the gospel. The church in India still needs our help greatly. We can't help with persons in mission; we can't get in. But they still need our help. You hear Taylor Phillips tell about the recommendation from the jurisdiction. They are asking that pershaps we should support young people with scholarships who can do the work in their own countries. They understand their own people, their own backgrounds, and can help to reach their people. If we cannot go as persons in mission, we must rethink the ways in which we can and the ways in which we can do it. They need our help financially. They need our help through our prayers.

I believe the figures I quoted are not the fault of the Board of Global Ministries. I think it's a matter of fact that we do not really make good use of all this literature that comes to us from the Board of Global Ministries. As the organized body, United Methodist Women, we do study a great deal, but again the United Methodist women is not always reached because she is not a member of our particular organization. It is going to be up to us to not only get our resources, our literature, our information and learn something about ourselves, but we have got to

acquaint the women of our church, the men of our church, the youth of our church with this information. If we don't, well, what will happen to our flame, the flame of our zeal and enthusiasm. I think as a member of United Methodist Women, a new excursion into the study of missionary work for our church and our organization is really a most interesting possibility.

To keep any flame burning a little fuel is constantly needed. But to keep that flame burning brightly, to burn as a becon, takes much fuel. Love, enthusiasm, knowledge, light. These are some of the fuels we must know before we can share. We cannot go and share if we don't learn and gain knowledge about them, these things we are trying to do. We must not allow the flame of God's love and compassion for His children to die down simply because we are ceasing to learn. We do not know. We will not care. You don't care about things you don't know about.

Let me close with the story of the Lord of Love who called together three men and gave each a gift of fire. Take it, use it, he said to them. So the three men went their way an they met up with very challenging situations. One went into the valley where men were groping their way in the darkness. He heard, "Oh, but if we had light to show us the way." Another was on a path over a deep and lonely moor where the wind blew bitter and the stones stood up like frozen iron and he heard, "Ah, but if we just had something to warm us." The third one thought, "What can I do to keep my fire safe before some wind blows it out, or some kind of vapor comes along to stifle it. I know I'll hide it in my heart and keep it safe." At the end of the way stood one in shining white with a veil and as he stood he beckoned and said, "What of your fire?" The first one said, "I found men groping in the darkness and I gave my light for a torch that they might see the way." And the shining one said, "That's good. Your fire will never die." And the second one said, "I found men shivering. They were dying of the cold. I gave my fire so that they could keep warm." And the one in white said, "That's good. Your fire, too, shall never die." And the third one spoke up and said, "I kept my fire safe through strife and peril. Lo, it is here in my heart, safe." The one in shining white took off his veil and lo the Lord of Love was standing there. He looked at the third one. He opened the man's heart and only black char and white ashes was lying there.

Some years ago when I first retired, there was a TV program called, "Wake Up, America." I'd like to change that and say "Wake up, Methodist Women, Wake up, United Methodist Women. Wake up, lift your torches. Keep them burning brightly. Keep them burning with the fuels of love and enthusiasm, knowledge and light. Don't let them burn out, leaving your own lives and hearts empty shells of charred hopes and dead ashes. Rekindle your flames. Keep these flames burning brightly as with God's love we serve His children."

SPECIAL MUSIC: The Trinity Canticle Singers sang "What Shall I Render to My God." The group was composed of Pam Emory, Sheri Lyn Carey, Kandi Hinojosa, and Velma McLelland.

OFFERING: Wanda Nelson, Treasurer, provided the group with information about the Ellen Thoburn Cowen Memorial Hospital in India. The offering is being sent in honor of Dr. Cleveland in love and gratitude so that we in this way may share in the ministry in India.

PLEDGE SERVICE: Wanda Nelson and the nine district treasurers conducted the pledge service, "Lighting Pathways." An unfinished floral arrangement was the focal point of the presentation. Mrs. Nelson utilized the Biblical passage, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your father which is in Heaven," as she spoke of how the word of God has illumined our heart as we have ministered in various mission areas and as we have attempted to spread light to others who live in darkness. She reminded those present that it is our inheritance to continue addressing deprivations while lighting pathways. She talked of the ministry to women and children which is ongoing and the Centennial Celebration Fund which will try to address

some of the needs. She concluded her message with these thoughts. "The sense of renewal and growth are evident in our emblem, the cross and the flame. The cross evakes images of sacrifice by the Christ and the flame symbolizes the Holy Spirit working within us. Both remind us of the opportunities and obligations of discipleship. Paul's words to Timothy still have meaning for us today. Stir into flame the gift of God which is within you. Many women who have gone before us have worked in the shadow of the cross and have kept the flame burning brightly, thus lighting pathways." Each of the district treasurer's paid tribute to women of our heritage. Ruston District recognized the only woman in Louisiana Conference to serve as president of the Women's Division, Virginia Laskey, who was present. As the treasurers presented their pledges for 1985 members of their district stood and sang a verse of "We've A Story To Tell To The Nations." Additional verses of the hymn were written by Lynn Foil. Following the pledge service the meeting was adjourned for the evening.

The Eleventh Annual Meeting reconvened on Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

CALL TO COMMUNITY: Audrey Milo opened the morning session with the Call to Community printed in the program. Hymn No. 190 in the METHODIST HYMNAL, "Awake, Awake, to Love and Work," was sung. Faye Barr-hart read the scripture, Ephesians 1:15-21.

UNISON PRAYER:

> O God of all goodness and grace, we come to you with great joy as we begin a new age of service and love to you. Let us go forth with confidence because we claim you as our guide and salvation. Grant to each of us the guidance and control which shall sustain our hearts in peace and love with one another and with you in meeting the challenge which each day will bring to us as we strive to do your will in the complex future of our lives and our world. In the times when we cannot see clearly, help us to reach out to you and to each other that in joy and in difficulty we will ever be the household of God. Amen.

MISSION CANDLE: The mission candle of challenge was lit by Stacey Hennen. This candle was for all who have searched the past for guidance and look forward with expectation. We light this candle to lead us into the unknown, knowing we are never alone.

MEMBERSHIP: Fran Hall, Chairperson of the Committee on Membership, challenged those present to reach out and touch someone. Touch someone in understanding. Reach out in inclusiveness and in love. A trio composed of Cathy Smith, Betsy Wilhite, and Pat Cobb gave their rendition of "reach out and touch," asking that we touch somebody's hand and make this a better place if we can. Two local units in the Ruston District and one in Shreveport District were recognized.

RETIRING OFFICERS: Janet Hoffpauir, former Conference President, recognized those officers who were completing their term in office. She spoke of the varying emotions they were probably feeling and the rewards they had received. Among these rewards were satisfaction in helping their sisters in Louisiana grow, deepened faith in God, increased self-confidence, and improved leadership and communication skills. As a last reward, and to say thank you for what they had done for others in the name of United Methodist Women of Louisiana, Special Mission Recognition Pins were given to Wanda Nelson, Ola B. Fisher, Anne Hearn, Lottie Palazzo, Dorothy Abraham, Patty Lindsey, Judy McFarland, and Wilma Crosby.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
September 15,1984

The Executive Committee, Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women, met Saturday, September 15, 1984 at Trinity United Methodist Church, Ruston, following the close of the Annual Meeting, with Nell Read, president, presiding.

In attendance were Alberta Springer, Idelle Simms, Mary Lou France, Betty Carlin, Lois Patten, Mary Margaret Barr, Margaret Burris, Wanda Nelson, Lueburda Myers, Fran Hall, Jackie Morgan, Taylor Phillips, Ella Mae Custer, Johnnye Butler, Jean Bezette, Erelene Bradford, Dorothy Abraham, Betty Rowell, Betsy Wilhite, Helen Johnson, Pat Cobb, Georgie Dunbar, Elizabeth Lowrey, Ola Fisher, Norma Winegeart, Madge Lewis, Lottie Palazzo, Mary Parker, Jane Scott, Sara Fugler, Alice Story, Beth Clements, Barbara Woods, Judy Sandlin, Jackie Morgan, Judy Rountree, Nancy Carruth, Ruth Allen, Mary Pollard, Linda Shepherd, Wilma Crosby, Nell Read, and Evelyn Evans.

A word of appreciation was given by Nell Read to Mrs. G. W. James and the ladies of Trinity Church for the luncheon prepared for the Executive Committee. Mrs. Read also welcomed the new members of the Committee.

ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM - Wilma Crosby and Linda Shepherd were commended by the Executive Committee for an excellent meeting.

APPOINTMENTS - Nell read announced the following appointments:

Administrative Committee - Nell Read, chairperson; Norma Winegeart, Evelyn Evans, Judy Rountree, and Taylor Phillips.

Committee on Finance - Judy Rountree, chairperson; Nell Read, Norma Winegeart, Evelyn Evans, Taylor Phillips, Johnnye Butler, and 9 District Treasurers.

Committee on Membership - Fran Hall, chairperson; Nell Read, Norma Winegeart, Madge Lewis, and 9 District Chairpersons.

Committee On Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules - Judy Sandling, Chairperson; Mary Margaret Barr, Janet Hoffpauir, Janelle McCammon, and Nell Read.

Committee on Annual Report/Directory - Evelyn Evans, Judy Rountree, and Nell Read.

Committee on School of Christian Missions - Lottie Palazzo, Dean; Ola Fisher, Associate Dean; Nell Read, Norma Winegeart, Evelyn Evans, Judy Rountree, Johnnye Butler, Taylor Phillips, Ella Mae Custer, Lueburda Myers, Nancy Carruth, Linda Shepherd, and Patty Lindsey.

Committee on Annual Meeting Program - Judy Sandlin, chairperson; Betty Ferrington, co-chairperson; Nell Read, Janelle McCammon, Lueburda Myers, Norma Winegeart, Nancy Carruth, Judy Rountree, Myrtle Walker, Jeanette Mestayer, Mary Adele Compton, and Mattie Lee Smith.

Committee on Place of Annual Meeting - Evelyn Evans, chairperson; Georgie Dunbar, and Pat Cobb.

Committee on Legislative Concerns - Sara Fugler, chairperson; Lou Alexander, co-chairperson; Lottie Palazzo, and Nell Read.

RECOGNITION: Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women recognizes with Special Mission Recognition Pins those women ministers in our conference who have been ordained elders. Two were ordained at Annual Conference in June, Barbara Smith Duke and Pearl Whichard Evans. Reverend Duke, who serves as director of the Wesley Foundation at Northwestern State University, was presented. Tribute was paid to Reverend Evans who died in July, after refusing to let her terminal illness keep her from her goal. It was noted that she showed how to live life fully and that a pastor can teach no better than by example.

HYMN: Hymn No. 200 in the METHODIST HYMNAL, "The Voice of God is Calling," was sung.

INSTALLATION: Marilyn Ray, District Secretary of the New Orleans-Slidell District, conducted the installation service for the newly-elected officers. Stressing that this was a solemn, meaningful occasion, she invited those assuming office to take a candle and light it from the candle of heritage which represents the strength and spirit of United Methodist Women burning in the heart and soul of every member of Louisiana Conference. In closing each officer was asked to affirm her responsibility to the office she was taking.

REGISTRATION: Registration for the meeting showed a total attendance of 522 persons, including 474 delegates, 21 conference officers, 17 district presidents and treasurers, and 10 guests.

INVITATION: Pat Parrott, president of the unit at Asbury United Methodist Church, Lafayette, invited the conference to meet there in 1985. The gracious invitation was accepted.

ADJOURNMENT: Nell Read declared that the meeting would be adjourned following the Love Feast. She expressed appreciation to the members of Trinity Church and to the Committee on Annual Meeting Program.

LOVE FEAST: Reverend Brenda Layman gave the historical background for the fellowship meal as the service began. Hymns were sung and the bread and tea was passed. The bread was made from starter obtained by Mrs. Claudie Shaffer from her mother, Mrs. Mattie Sanders. Mrs. Sanders had received the bread starter from her sister, Mrs. Ora Sadler, about 30 years ago. An offering for the poor was taken. The $816.77 collected goes to Peoples Community Center in New Orleans. Following the offering was a period of testimony and sharing. It was a very emotional and spiritually-uplifting time as women came forward to give their witness in Scripture, prayer, song, and story. The Love Feast closed with a hymn of thanksgiving, No. 338 in the METHODIST HYMNAL, "Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love," and the benediction.

Evelyn Evans, Secretary
Nell Read, President

Task Group on Christian Disciplines Workshop - Ola Fisher, chairperson; Lou Alexander, Betty Blackman, and Johnnye Butler.

The Executive Committee voted its approval of the appointments. The Committee on Implementation of Charter for Racial Justice Policies and the Task Group on District Elected Leader Training will be approved at DELT. Chairpersons of these groups are to let Mrs. Read know before Ocotber 20 who the members of their committee will be.

RETREAT - Jackie Morgan, co-chairperson of the Task Group on 1985 Retreat, reported that the theme for the retreat will be "Here, or Nowhere." Flyers announcing the March retreat were distributed and further details and forms for registration will be in the January Newsletter.

DISCIPLINES - Copies of the Upper Room devotional book, DISCIPLINES 1985, were distributed to members of the Executive Committee. They were a gift of Nell Read who said that it gave her strength to know that the Committee is joined in sharing this each day.

DELT - Immediately following District Annual Meetings, District Presidents are to let Betty Rowell know how many from each district will be attending DELT on October 20. Horseshoe Drive Church is providing nametags. The date for District Elected Leader Training in 1985 will be October 19 announced Georgie Dunbar.

NEWSLETTER - Nancy Carruth, editor, asked District Presidents to remind their secretaries that now is the time to submit address labels and to please use the ones furnished by her.

The meeting adjourned with prayer given by Evelyn Evans.

Evelyn Evans, Secretary

Examiners:
Mary Margaret Barr
Judy Sandlin

Nell Read, President

EVENTS
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

The Leadership Development Workshop for the Executive Committee of Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women was held at Toro Hills Motel, Many, Louisiana, from Friday evening, January 27, until Sunday morning, January 29, 1984. In attendance were 14 conference officers and committee chairwomen, 9 district presidents, 5 district treasurers, and 4 members of the nominating committee.

Leaders for the event were Ms. Andris Salter, Coordinator, Women's Division; Mrs. Wilma Meier, Women's Division Director; and Mrs. Lillian Sloan, Women's Division Director. The sessions included community/team building, leadership styles, communication skills, goal setting, creative conflict, dialogue time, evaluation ,and worship.

Those in attendance felt that the experience will be of great value to them. It is expected that the information and inspiration received will be channeled through the districts to the local units. We trust that leadership throughout the Louisiana Conference will be greatly strengthened by this excellent workshop.

Janelle McCammon, Chairperson

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

Promoting the program of United Methodist Women, with special emphasis on fulfilling the Purpose, developing leadership, providing spiritual growth, and expanding fellowship and love were the many concerns of the School of Christian Mission.

The school with its many new challenges brought enthusiastic women with varying backgrounds, ages, and marital status. Their experiences in the organization of United Methodist Women varied. Through the marvelous setting of our wonderful school, the women struggled, seeking new dimensions of old ideas, mission on different frontiers, the role of other people and their countries, and the development and understanding of the many complex issues of the world.

The theme, "Visions of Peace, Actions of Faith," was beautifully demonstrated through the studies, skits, litanies, and music. Many discussions on "peace" ideas were exchanged. Frankly we must aim to "study war no more."

For both schools we had an overflow of "first timers" who expressed their enthusiastic joy over the rewarding aspects of mission that were received, how the entire school was very productive, attractive, and how it brought many new challenges in fulfilling the Purpose.

Onward, Christian Women. Hear His call today. Yours in love to follow, Christ will lead the way. (Taken from RESPONSE.)

Johnnye Butler, Dean

DISTRICT ELECTED LEADER TRAINING

District Elected Leaders Training was held at Horseshoe Drive United Methodist Church, Saturday, October 20,1984 from 9:30 a.m. through 2:45 p.m. with 116 persons in attendance. The ladies at Horseshoe Drive were very courteous and provided a nice meal.

Mrs. Darlene Base, Vice-President of the Core Planning Group of the Jurisdiction was our speaker. She spoke on the district being a very important link in United Methodist Women.

Some of the weaknesses in officer training could reflect the lack of time of the new conference officers to familarize themselves with the office. We need to look at the possibility of asking retiring conference officers to assist new conference officers in the training at DELT.

I extend to the Committee a big thank you for helping plan and carry out the plans for DELT. Members of the committee were Norma Winegeart, Taylor Phillips, and Seola Callahan.

Betty Rowell, Chairperson

POLITICAL SKILLS WORKSHOP

Approximately sixty women from all over the state of Louisiana came together November 3, 1984 for this workshop held at the Bellmont Hotel in Baton Rouge. Even though it was sponsored by United Methodist Women, the workshop was open to women of all faiths, all parties, and all levels of experience.

Chairpersons for the one day event were Sara Fugler and Lou Alexander. Theme for the workshop was "Making A Difference - Women in Electoral Politics." Reverend Carolyn Bannon presented the biblical-theological background and Ann Garvin of Topeka, Kansas served as National Women's Education Fund Trainer. Lynda Imes and Joan Houghton served on a panel to discuss successful ways to use political skills.

Purpose of the workshop was to expose women to the ways to get involved in politics, either as candidates themselves, or as workers for other women candidates. This type of workshop is being held all over the country.

Sara Fugler, Co-Chairperson

NEW OFFICER TRAINING EVENT

The training event for person elected to a conference office for the very first time was held November 29 through December 2, 1984 in New York City. Sessions were held at the New York Penta Hotel and the offices of the Board of Global Ministries at 475 Riverside Drive. Attending from Louisiana Conference was Judy Rountree, Ella Mae Custer, Madge Lewis, and Barbara Woods.

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS FOR 1984

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Alexandria District had a busy year supporting each of the Conference activities as well as conducting a district spring retreat at Camp Brewer. The women of the district helped with mission activities like Friendship House and the Shepherd's Center, and with activities of Church Women United. In March our district helped host the Louisiana State Seminar of the World Federation of Methodist Women at Newman United Methodist Church in Alexandria. Our district annual meeting was at Haas Memorial United Methodist Church in Bunkie.

Georgie Dunbar, District President

BATON ROUGE-HAMMOND DISTRICT

Hasn't it been a great year to be a Methodist? We have had the thrill of celebrating the Bicentennial Anniversary of the Methodist Church and, as if that were not momentous enough, we have had the joy of marking the Centennial Era of our great organization of United methodist Women.

The Baton Rouge-Hammond District has also had a great year. We had much to celebrate. First of all we celebrate people. People like Ola Fisher who recently retired as Conference Coordinator of Christian Personhood and who, in all that she does, is love and

devotion in human form. People like Betty Ferrington, famous for her Money Tree Skit at Local Leaders Training, but famous, too, for her dedication to the church and its work. People like Jane Scott who has so expertly managed our money and who can explain it all so that even I can understand. People like Beth McKnight - - Beth and her boxes - - box after box of program resources that she cheerfully packed and unpacked. People like Allie Bayne Webb who, while serving as District Vice President and having untold duties in her local church, found time to write a beautiful book. People like Ruth Bailey who came back on the District Team to finish someone else's unexpired term, exemplifying that unwritten Beatitude, "Blessed are those who pinch hit."

I mention these people first of all to express my own gratitude for all they mean to me, but more than that, because they represent you - the offices you hold, the work that you do in your local unit, in your local church, and in your community. You, and they, have become a part of our heritage, building on a foundation of love, ensuring a legacy that will endure for a long time to come.

Then we celebrate our gifts. Our district is a generous district. Once again we have overpaid our pledge. What a glorious tradition to maintain, a tradition of sending aid where our hands and feet cannot go, giving and then giving again out of the bounty that God has given us. Surely that is reason for celebration.

Then, we celebrate our program. From the spring retreat at St. Andrew's to our district annual meeting at Blackwater in Baton Rouge, it has been a year of successful gatherings. Gatherings that have inspired us, informed us, and challenged us to do more and to be more as we try to do God's work here on earth, as we carry out our mission, our purpose, to become whole through Jesus Christ, to be His hands and feet, showing our love for God by the way we treat our neighbors. John Wesley said it this way: "Religion is the love of God and our neighbor. Gratitude toward the Creator cannot but produce benevolence to our fellow creatures."

We celebrate the challenge to be grateful and then to be in mission now, where we are, cherishing our history, building on yesterday, committed to tomorrow, looking to the future with faith and with courage.

Alice Story, District President

BATON ROUGE-LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

This has been a year of growth and achievement for the Baton Rouge-Lafayette District United Methodist Women. Increased interest and attendance marked the many district activities of the year including the Spiritual Growth Retreat, Mini-School of Christian Mission, Annual Meeting, Round Tables, and the Conference School of Christian Mission.

One of the highlights of the year was a new endeavor, the Mini-School of Christian Mission held at First United Methodist Church of Lafayette in August. The District Council on Ministries cooperated with this very successful undertaking. Teachers of the Conference School, Margaret St. Amant, Reverend James Spitzkeit and Reverend George Calvin were teachers for the mini-school. A significant increase in study has been noted in evaluation reports.

The District Annual Meeting was held in the historic Wesley United Methodist Church of Baton Rouge with excellent participation from twenty-six churches. The record of giving for 1984 has been outstanding with a considerable increase in pledges, centennial fund, and special offerings.

We are grateful for the dedication of United Methodist Women reflected in the achievements of 1984!

Janelle McCammon, District President

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

The women of the Lake Charles District have been busy with prayer groups, retreats, and book studies. They have served the community with birthday parties for nursing homes, visiting the sick and shut-ins, working with battered and abused clinics, and operating thrift shops for the needy. They have provided food for the unemployed, sending supplies to prison services, transporting elderly to grocery stores and doctors. They also donated and served meals to Wesley Foundation at McNeese State University.

In essence they have been about the purpose of United Methodist Women.

Betty Carlin, District President

MONROE DISTRICT

The Monroe District had a very good year in 1984. The Executive Committee held meetings as necessary for the planning for the year and communicated with newsletters to all units.

Almost all units in the district participated in UMW Sunday in their churches. They celebrated the day in many creative and interesting ways. The district retreat at Chemin-A-Haut, and Ola Fisher's talk, was well received. Pat Laing gave an inspiring interpretive dance and Mable Eppinette shared a moving recitation about the woman at the well. The Conference School of Missions at Centenary was well attended. Many of the women from our district who were students there taught in our district Mini-School of Mission at Delhi. District Annual Meeting was hosted by the Memorial United Methodist Church, Bastrop, with all areas of the district represented. Our speaker, Nell Read, Conference President, made all of us proud to be a member of United Methodist Women. Local Elected Leaders training was held at McGuire Methodist Church in West Monroe. Once again there was excellent attendance from every part of the district.

Monroe District is blessed with compassionate, loving people. We met out pledge to mission and have increased it over for 1985. We have every expectation of meeting it. The enthusiasm and cooperative spirit in the district is evident and we look forward to an even better 1985.

Mary Pollard, District President

NEW ORLEANS-HOUMA DISTRICT

This year has been a great year for the New Orleans-Houma District. The District officers have worked with great spirit and love as we set goals and developed programs to fulfill our purpose. As the year progressed, we increased our communications with newsletter, individual notes, flyers, cards, and telephone calls to local units. Yet, there is still a need for better communication as this is the key to spiritual growth and development which means togetherness.

Our three Local Elected Leaders Training sessions were held in various locations of the district. They were well attended. United Methodist Sunday was celebrated in most of our local units. Our "Day Apart" was a beautiful day for renewal as all one hundred and fifty of us gave ourselves to God. We sponsored a May Fellowship Luncheon meeting in Thibodeaux. This gave each district officer the opportunity to bring the fifty-six in attendance up-to-date. We worked closely with the New Orleans-Slidell District in chartering a bus for both districts to attend the Conference School of Christian Mission in Shreveport and the Conference Annual Meeting in Ruston. Seventy-four attended the District Mini-School. "Our Heritage in Mission" was the theme for our District Annual Meeting at Golden Meadow United Methodist Church. Over one hundred women were present.

We look forward to an even bigger and better new year as we ask God's blessings on all as we continue to fulfill our mission as whole persons in Jesus Christ.

Helen Bailey-Johnson, District President

NEW ORLEANS-SLIDELL DISTRICT

Highlights of our district in 1984 included four cluster Cultivation Workshops in mid-February as we attempted to reach units across the district. Lois Kohler, who was in the United States between voluntary missionary assignments in Nigeria, led us through "A Day with Jesus" at the Spring Retreat held at Regina Coeli Convent in Covington.

Members of the district held various leadership responsibilities at the Conference School of Christian Mission, including Dean, Resource Learning Center, Treasurer, Registrar, and Housing. For the second year in a row we were awarded the attendance banner. Our District School of Missions, hosted by Fitzgerald UMW in Covington, featured Reverend Roger Lathan leading the study on Ephesians; Dr. Marilyn Ray, "Visions of Peace;" and Mrs. Onnie Sherrer and Mrs. Lois Patten, "Korea."

Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Church in Bogalusa was the site of the District Annual Meeting. The theme, "Visions of the Future," explored possibilities of what United Methodist Women will be doing 100 years from now. Computer-printed programs, futuristic decorations and a skit helped the atmosphere. After a delicious lunch prepared by our hostesses, those comprising the record attendance chose to participate in one of four leadership groupings; Administration, Programming, Membership, or Finance.

Many members from this district participated in the "Thirst" Pavillion at the Louisiana World's Fair Exibition. Our Shepherdess program is beginning to bear fruit, thanks to a faithful Mission Team. Much remains to be done in this area, however. Local units have again enabled us to overpay our pledge to mission with both designated and undesignated funds.

Patt Cobb, District President

RUSTON DISTRICT

Ruston District began in 1984 with a Spring District Meeting in Arcadia on March 10. The District Mission team presented the booklet for Implementation of Charter of Racial Justice Policies. Local unit representatives were challenged to carry this to their own units. Reverend Fay Barr-hartung lead an inspirational Retreat Day at Caney Camp with 75 in attendance on April 7.

Attendance at School for Christian Mission decreased this year, but our Mini-School of Mission on August 18 was well attended. Leaders included Margaret St. Amant, Elouise Sanders, and Judy Greer. Our offering was given to the Estelle Dameron Scholarship Fund.

Wholehearted cooperation from each of our 26 units in providing sandwiches, cookies, money, and womenpower made hosting the Conference Annual Meeting at Trinity United Methodist Church in Ruston a highlight of the year. On October 7 at District Annual Meeting at Brushwood, Virginia Laskey challenged us to move from "Heritage to Hope" with United Methodist Women in attempting to solve some of the difficult problems of the world.

Local Elected Leaders Training at Homer on November 4 was well attended with 18 units represented. The unit at Lakeview UMC, Minden, chose to disband this year and we regret losing them. Our membership continues to decrease, but we have again overpaid our pledge to mission. Our total giving from the district was $31,566. In addition, each unit reported observing UMW Sunday in the local church by participating in worship services, special speakers, Centennial observances, presenting Special Mission Recognition pins, etc. We feel that we are moving toward attaining some of the Centennial goals.

Mary Margaret Barr, District President

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

The Shreveport District is pressing on toward the goal for, the prize of the upward call of God is Christ Jesus as is stated in our Purpose.

We have offered the local officers of our 44 units a choice of two training events. There was a meeting held in each of the four Sub-Districts. The theme of all four meetings was "Opening Doors to Better Racial/Ethnic Understanding" and World Development.

Most of the units reported that they had observed UMW Sunday in one form or another. They also reported doing a program on Call to Prayer and Self Denial.

Our District Retreat on Merret Mountain was one of the high points of the year. Mary Lou Blakeman was the retreat leader. July was the month that members of the local units set aside to attend the Conference School of Christian Mission. This was followed by our two District Mini-Schools and local units having studies.

Another high point of the year was the Conference Annual Meeting in Ruston on September 14 and 15 and our District Annual Meeting at Summer Grove UMC, Shreveport. Nell Read, Conference President, was our speaker and "Committed to Mission Tomorrow, Building on Yesterday" was the theme.

Some of our units have been successful in increasing their membership, increasing their pledge to missions, participating in the Reading Program, increasing their subscriptions to Response magazine, as well as goals they have set for their individual units. We exceeded our Pledge to Mission by several thousand dollars and have had 100 percent reporting from the local units for the second year in a row.

We are very proud of our new unit. Bayou Scie, near Zwolle, and glad to announce that New Light and Mt. Zion in Logansport have become active again.

To God be the glory for the great things He has done with and through His people.

Linda Shepherd, District President

LOCAL QUARTERLY REPORTS DUE DISTRICT TREASURER:

March 15
June 15
September 15
December 10

DISTRICT QUARTERLY REPORTS DUE CONFERENCE TREASURER:

March 30
June 30
September 30
December 20

EXCELLENCE OF STUDIES

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